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## THE LA SALLE LIST

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*Reasons to Celebrate*

*Part 2*



# In Time for Sesquicentennial, History Makes a Comeback

BY BROTHER JOSEPH GRABENSTEIN, F.S.C., '73

FORTY-TWO YEARS AGO, I WAS A SOPHOMORE IN DR. JOHN Rossi's Modern European History course in Wister Hall. The man was (and still is) a masterful and gifted teacher, as several generations of La Salle alumni will attest.

Little did I realize—back then—what would transpire four decades later. Returning to La Salle as its Archivist was something I never dreamed of achieving. But to work with Dr. Rossi in proofreading and fact-checking his *Living the Promise* history book, as well as procuring 200-plus photographs and providing captions and copyright information (with the help of Rebecca Goldman of the Connelly Library), has been a singular honor. It will be my favorite memory in this, the 150th year of the Blue and the Gold.

Make no mistake: we definitely needed a new history book for La Salle. Solid as it is, Donaghy's *Conceived in Crisis* went up to only 1963, our centennial year. And haven't a few things occurred since then?

As an undergrad in the early 1970s, my fellow history majors and I knew the importance of history. During those days, however, I sensed that American society did not feel the same way. History, tradition, and legacy were not afforded the respect that we have for them today. Virtually everyone at that time, it seemed to me, was living "for the moment," for the here-and-now, as if history had lost its impact on the public imagination and its ability to enlighten the present. Simply put, history was not a comfortable fit during the days of Dacron and polyester.

**"The one thing that our students—and we alums—can never, ever change ... is our roots. And for true Lasallians everywhere, who would want to?"**

**—Br. Joseph Grabenstein, F.S.C., '73**

Fast forward 42 years. Have I changed, or has society? Both! Witness the popularity of the History Channel and similar programming. Witness retrofitted architecture, best exemplified by "post-modern" baseball parks. Witness phrases that were seldom voiced in the 1970s: "throw-back uniforms," "backstory," and "military reenactors" come to mind. Countless youngsters learn what an archive is by simply storing their music and videos; in fact, the word "archive" now is commonly used as a verb in IT language.



Over the years, I have been fortunate to give many classroom presentations on our campus about the rich legacy of the Christian Brothers and La Salle. In general, our young people seem genuinely interested in learning about the mindsets, the traditions, and the thinking of yesteryear. In just about every presentation, upon entering the classroom, I write on the blackboard—and more and more "whiteboards"—an 11-word truism: "You are an important part of something much bigger than yourselves." I begin each presentation with these words, and I conclude it the same way. It's a sentence that I never tire of repeating or sharing. Call it my credo, my personal mantra.

Today, it can't be an accident that history is back. Look at how *La Salle Magazine* cleverly incorporates nostalgia into its "La Salle List" and other similar features. Classic, archival photos were utilized in advertising campaigns (in print, online, and on billboards) during this sesquicentennial year and in the quick-paced anniversary video produced by Mike Diccicco, '71, and his Diccicco Battista Communications team. Our sesquicentennial Web site ([lasalle.edu/150](http://lasalle.edu/150)) values "This Day in La Salle History" as a daily feature.

I like to remind our students that they can change their major or their address or their future career. Some people change their religion or modify their own name. Even tattoos can be removed—for a price and a little discomfort! But the one thing that our students—and we alums—can never, ever change ... is our roots.

And for true Lasallians everywhere, who would want to?

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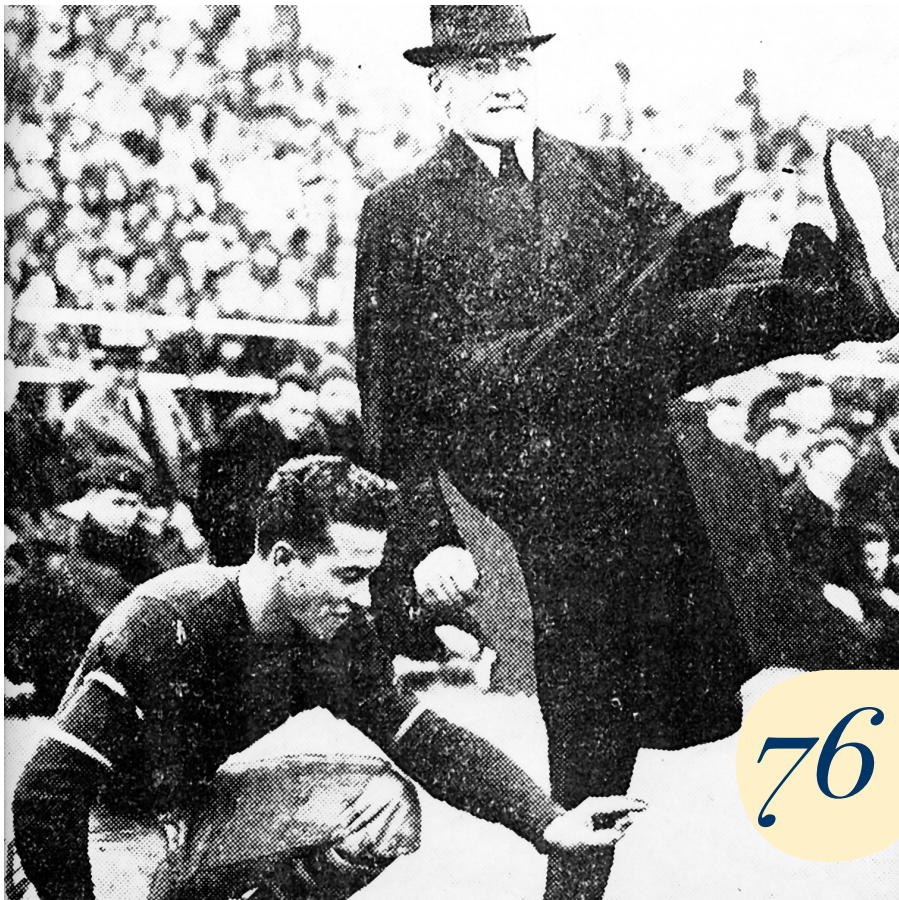




# THE LA SALLE LIST

LA SALLE'S HISTORY IS FULL OF PROUD MOMENTS, IMPORTANT MILESTONES, QUIRKY ANECDOTES, AND COLORFUL CHARACTERS. AS LA SALLE TURNS 150, WE'VE SELECTED 150 REASONS TO CELEBRATE LA SALLE, AND WE PRESENT THE FINAL 75, IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER, IN THIS ISSUE. THANKS TO BROTHER JOSEPH GRABENSTEIN, F.S.C., '73, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST, JOHN P. ROSSI, PH.D., '58, PROFESSOR *EMERITUS* OF HISTORY, SEVERAL ALUMNI LEADERS, AND MANY LA SALLE STAFF MEMBERS IN ADVANCEMENT, ATHLETICS, ENROLLMENT SERVICES, AND STUDENT AFFAIRS FOR THEIR MEMORIES AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THIS LIST. DO YOU THINK WE MISSED SOMETHING? E-MAIL [BUTCHER@LASALLE.EDU](mailto:BUTCHER@LASALLE.EDU) TO LET US KNOW.

## 150 Reasons to Celebrate Part 2



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### A Good Neighbor

La Salle established the Urban Studies and Community Service Center in 1967 to create a connection with the surrounding neighborhood through community service. The center's "Communiversity" also offered non-credit courses to neighborhood residents.

### Gridiron Memories

The first football game at McCarthy Stadium in 1936 was a memorable one. Not only did La Salle defeat St. Mary's College of Minnesota, 47-12, but President Brother Anselm, F.S.C., delivered the ceremonial first kickoff.

Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, Nov. 2, 1936, courtesy of Urban Archives and CBS



### MODERN LOGO, CENTURIES-OLD TRADITION

In the current La Salle logo, introduced in 2004, the mark that appears next to the University's name is a fractured, or broken, chevron, which also appears in La Salle's coat of arms.



The chevron, which is part of the coat of arms of the family of St. John Baptist de La Salle, the founder of the Christian Brothers, has been used for centuries by St. La Salle's followers to evoke his memory. The star in the coat of arms is the symbol of the motto of the Christian Brothers, *Signum Fidei*, or "Sign of Faith."

## Getting Their Kicks

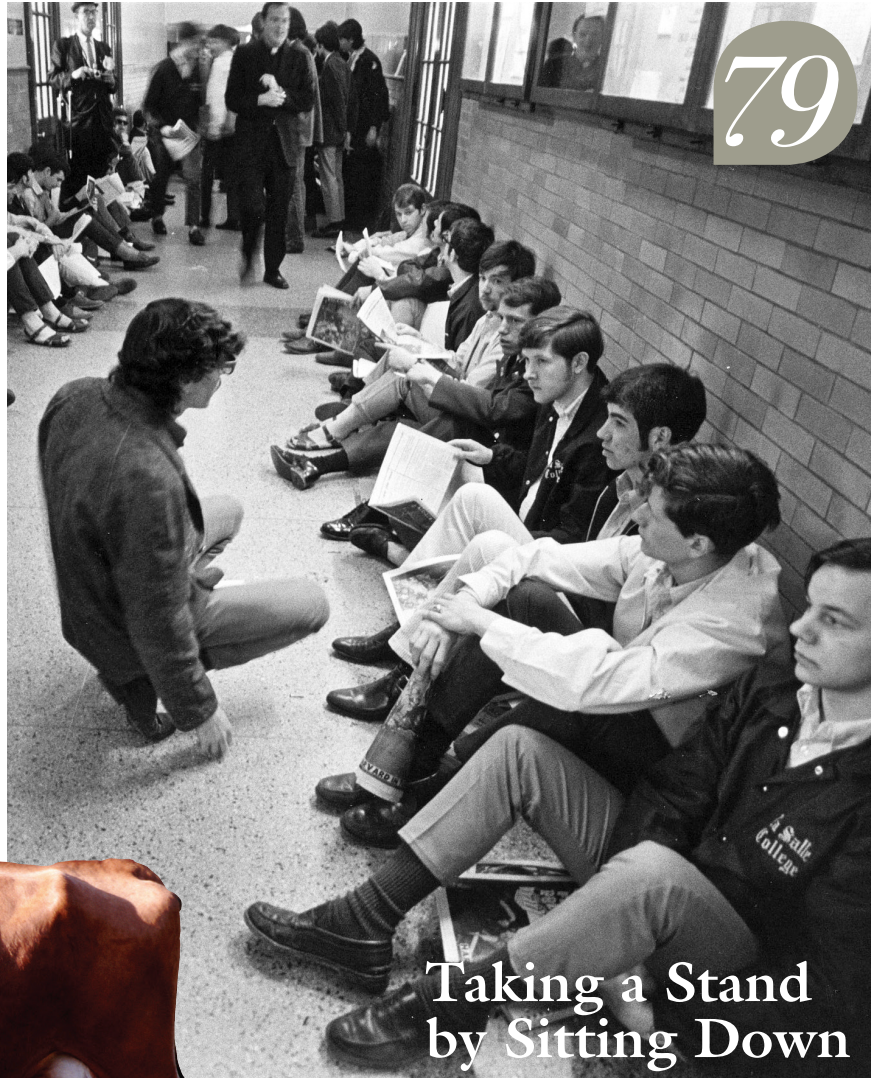
The women's soccer team won the program's first-ever Atlantic 10 championship in 2012 and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second straight season.



### A Whiff of Country Air

For a short time in the wee hours of May 31, 1968, La Salle's resident population increased by one as a group of unidentified students smuggled a cow, Bessie, from the Belfield pasture, up 20th Street, across Olney Avenue, and onto the second floor of St. Bernard's Hall. Daniel and Logan Blain, Belfield's residents at the time, had to be roused from bed to coax Bessie back down the stairs. The traumatized bovine had left behind quite a smelly mess, leading then-dorm prefect and future University President Brother Patrick Ellis, F.S.C., to quip, "I might add that by 8 o'clock that morning the Lysol budget for the next fiscal year was completely exhausted."

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## Taking a Stand by Sitting Down

Lawrence V. Kanevsky

In the days of shaggy beards, unkempt hair, and free thought, a group of La Salle students stirred up some minor controversy when organizing a four-day sit-in against the school's obligatory ROTC program in 1969. Compared to protests, disturbances, or riots on other campuses at the time, the La Salle demonstration in College Hall was a last-ditch, peaceful effort at communication between students, faculty, and administration after a year-long discussion about the compulsory ROTC program. Ultimately, the students got their wish and the College Council reconsidered its previous vote to continue the program, making it a voluntary program with greater academic focus.





## An Even Higher Education

The first students to graduate from La Salle with a doctoral degree received their doctorates (Psy.D.) in clinical psychology in 2002. The five-year, full-time program stresses the integration of theory and practice, requiring a two-year practicum and a full-year clinical internship.



### 83//Loyal Friends of the Brothers

Five La Salle faculty or staff members have been named honorary Christian Brothers (pictured top to bottom): Sidney MacLeod, long-time communication professor and active participant in *The Masque*; Raymond Ricci, '66, former Vice President for Enrollment Services and Director of Mission Integration; the late Joseph Flubacher, '35, economics professor; the late Roland Holroyd, biology professor; and the late Joseph Sprissler, Evening Division Director and Vice President for Business Affairs.



La Salle University Archives  
Walter Holt

## Back When I was a Freshman ...

Tuition cost \$20 per quarter and \$80 per year in La Salle's early years.



La Salle Collegian

### BEFORE HE WAS FAMOUS

Early in his career, Jay Leno, now the host of *The Tonight Show*, performed his stand-up comedy routine at La Salle in 1983.

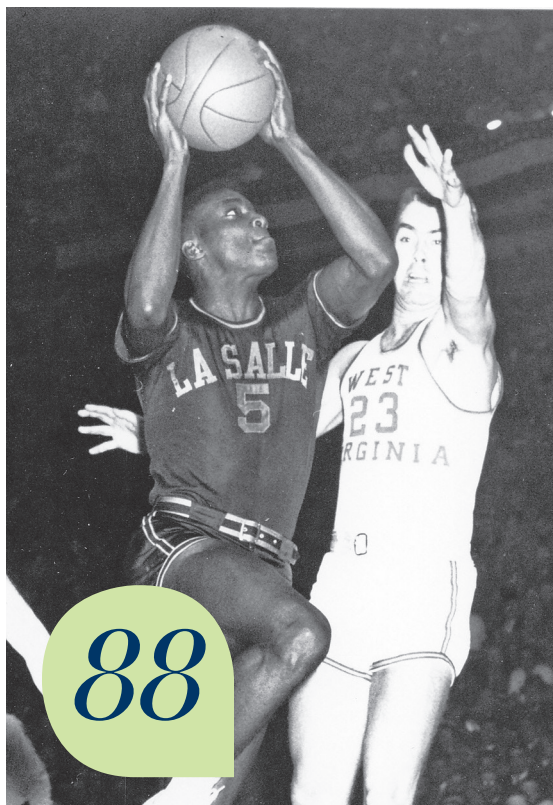
### 85//BRINGING HOME THE TITLE

The Explorers entered the 1952 National Invitation Tournament unseeded and left as champions. Defeating Seton Hall, St. John's, Duquesne, and Dayton on its way to the championship, the team featured such stand-out players as Tom Gola, '55, Norm Grekin, '53, and captain/guard Buddy Donnelly, '52. Gola and Grekin were named co-MVPs of the tournament.



## 87//A Tradition of Scholars

La Salle has a long history with the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship program, beginning in 1965, when Donald Rainey, '65, became the first La Salle student to be selected for a Fulbright. He studied literature in Germany. Since then, more than 60 La Salle students have earned Fulbrights, including Vincent Kling, '68, now a professor in the Foreign Languages and Literatures Department, who became one of the first evening division students in the country to receive the honor.



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### TAKING A STAND

*Alonzo Lewis, '57, a star on the men's basketball team, traveled with the team to New Orleans, La., in 1954 for a game against Loyola. Louisiana was a segregated state at the time and barred blacks and whites from mixing on the court or in the bleachers. Lewis's teammates refused to play without him, and Loyola officials, citing their status as a private school, defied the law and let the game go on. La Salle defeated Loyola, 85-71, and Lewis became the first black player to compete against white players in the state of Louisiana.*



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### FOR ALL THE GLORY

*In the 1930s, freshmen were required to wear beanies, known as "dinks," at all times—any violation could lead to harassment by upperclassmen in the form of having to sing the school song or recite lines of poetry. Sophomores had to wear floppy white hats. In an annual matchup that pitted lowly underclassmen against even lowlier underclassmen, sophomores and freshmen competed in a tug o' war. If the freshmen won, they were free from the beanie rule; if the sophomores won, the beanies stayed for another six weeks.*

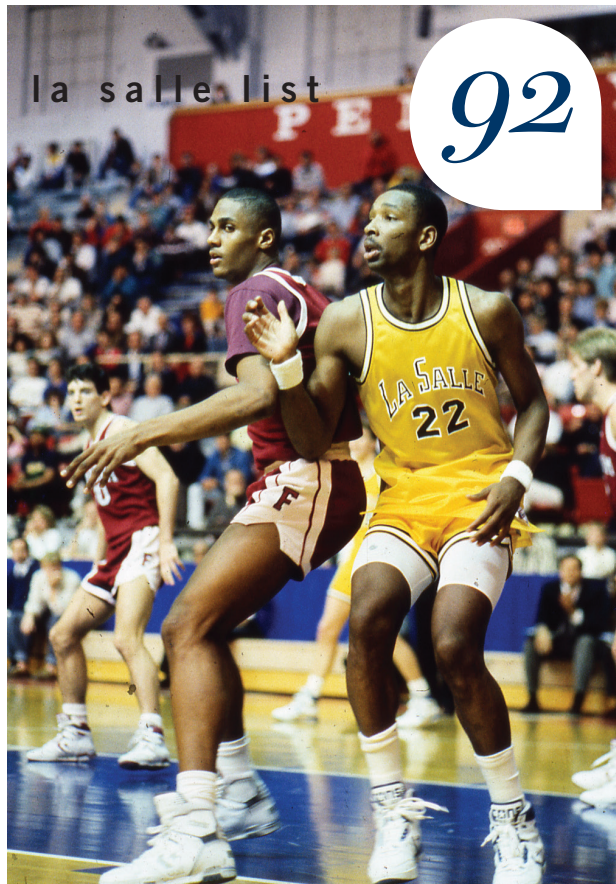
### SHARING OUR SERVICES

La Salle students are using their expertise and skills to benefit neighborhood residents through a community clinic known as the Center for Psychological Services. Managed by doctoral-level supervisors, students in La Salle's Clinical Psychology doctoral program and the Clinical-Counseling Psychology master's program offer low-cost community services in anxiety management, behavioral medicine, mood disorders, pediatric psychology, and postpartum depression.

## Hope to the World

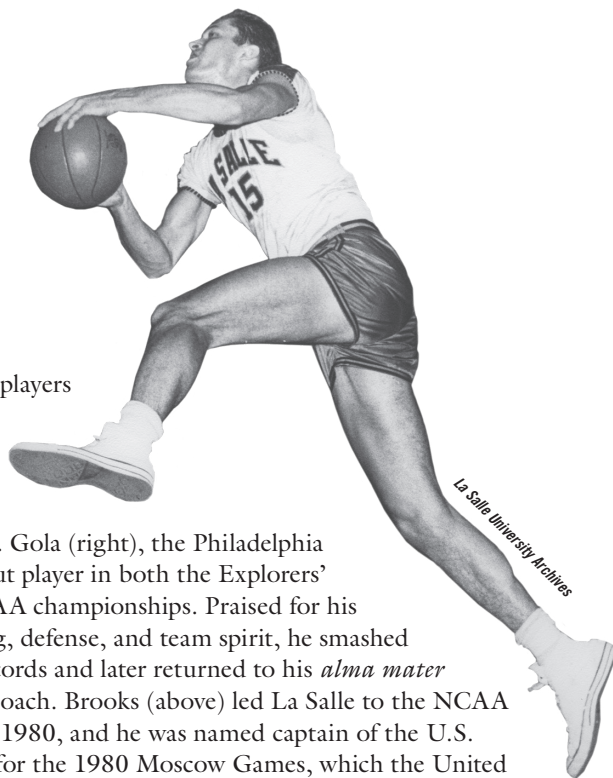
One of La Salle's first international service trips sent students to Santiago, Chile, in the early 1990s to fix up homes and work at a day camp for children.





## La Salle Sports Legends

Three La Salle basketball players have been named NCAA National Players of the Year—Tom Gola, '55, Michael Brooks, '80, and Lionel Simmons, '90. Gola (right), the Philadelphia “superstar,” was a standout player in both the Explorers’ 1952 NIT and 1954 NCAA championships. Praised for his speed, shooting, dribbling, defense, and team spirit, he smashed almost all of La Salle’s records and later returned to his *alma mater* as head men’s basketball coach. Brooks (above) led La Salle to the NCAA Tournament in 1978 and 1980, and he was named captain of the U.S. Olympic basketball team for the 1980 Moscow Games, which the United States boycotted. Simmons, who was the third-leading scorer in NCAA history (3,217 points) the year he graduated, went on to play for the Sacramento Kings. Gola, Brooks, and Simmons also occupy three slots on the list of the top five point-scorers in the history of the Big Five.



## 93//A Community of Educators

Christian Brothers have shaped the life of La Salle University for 150 years and continue to be active on campus as professors, administrators, and leaders. The Brothers are part of a more than 300-year-old tradition that began in France and has spanned the globe, with more than 800,000 students now educated by more than 80,000 Brothers, other religious, and lay associates in Lasallian institutions worldwide.

## Alumni Honors

Many alumni have accepted additional La Salle degrees—honorary doctorates for their professional achievements and contributions to the world. Among the many alumni who have come back to collect honorary degrees and impart their wisdom on La Salle students are William J. Burns, '78, Deputy Secretary of State, Tom Curley, '70, former President of The Associated Press, Tim O'Toole, '77, a past Managing Director of the London Underground, and Karen Pushaw, '78, an advocate for the poor.

## Writer and Diplomat

*Maurice Francis Egan, who graduated in the 1870s, was a popular novelist in his day and was appointed U.S. Ambassador to Denmark by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1910. In that role, he helped broker the deal that transferred the Danish Virgin Islands into American hands in 1917.*





## Make Way for the Ladies

*Believe it or not, females didn't always outnumber males on La Salle's campus. In fact, until 1970, women had little presence at La Salle at all. After 107 years, La Salle finally admitted women on a full-time basis and, although the transition was a little bumpy at times, the La Salle ladies made their impression. "Armed with guitars, electric rollers, and James Taylor albums, 70 brave women took up residence on the three floors provided them in St. Edwards dormitory" and another 250 female commuters joined their cohorts in the classroom, according to La Salle Magazine in the fall of 1980. Female enrollment has steadily increased at La Salle since 1970. For the first time in 1992, the incoming freshman class was 51.6 percent female, and, since that shift, the female population has exceeded that of males on campus.*

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## Educating Off Campus

To follow the Lasallian mission of meeting students where they are, the University opened its first satellite campus and offered courses from its Evening Division at Archbishop Ryan High School in Northeast Philadelphia in 1977. Today, La Salle offers courses at its Bucks County Center in Newtown and at the Montgomery County Center in Plymouth Meeting.

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Lewis Tanner

## 'THE GOOD DOCTOR'

In his flowing black academic gown, Roland Holroyd was well known as a teacher and a walking history of La Salle's early days. Holroyd first began at La Salle as a part-time biology teacher in 1920 and eventually left his position as an instructor at the University of Pennsylvania to join La Salle's faculty full time in 1930.



## 'Fight on to Victory!'

*La Salle's fight song, sung at the end of every basketball game, had to be revised after La Salle College became La Salle University. The third line became "Fight on for LSU" from "Fight on for LSC."*

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## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE

Following in the footsteps of La Salle's Evening Division, which was established in the mid-1940s to educate returning World War II soldiers who attended night classes, the University launched the College of Professional and Continuing Studies in 2004. The College fulfills unique needs for adult students who delicately balanced work and family life with the desire to attain a college degree.

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## Generous Support

Several La Salle buildings and landmarks honor generous benefactors who have made their construction possible, including Sir John McCarthy (McCarthy Stadium, opened in 1936), H. Blake Hayman, M.D., '41 (Hayman Center, opened in 1972), Hank DeVincent, M.D., '56 (Hank DeVincent Field, dedicated in 1978), John Connelly (Connelly Library, opened in 1988), John McHale, '49 (McHale Crossway and Plaza, dedicated in 2006), and Hugh, '64, and Nancy Devlin (Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology in Holroyd Hall, opened in 2009).





## Squashing Stress

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In the midst of wrapping up last-minute projects and studying for final exams, students get a much-needed break thanks to the Stress Busters program. Stress Busters began in 2000, providing students with an opportunity to relieve and manage end-of-semester stress during the last week of fall or spring classes. Past activities have included mock tailgating parties, sitcoms and snacks, photos with Santa, and the ever-popular Kissing and Petting in the spring, which brings the pets of La Salle's faculty and staff to campus for a playful afternoon on the Quad.

## Cheers to the Brothers

Next time you're browsing the aisles at the liquor store, consider grabbing a bottle of Christian Brothers brandy or wine to cap off your evening. Starting to produce an altar wine in California in 1882, the Christian Brothers shipped over vines from France, leading to the mass production and commercialization of Christian Brothers wine and brandy. Profits benefited the Brothers' retirement fund, student scholarships, and other causes. Eventually, the operation was sold to a company that wanted both the grapes and the brand name. The company attributes its success to the quality product the Brothers started putting out more than a century ago.



## 104 // Cricket and Golf at Belfield

Introduced to the Belfield Estate in the 1840s by the sons of the estate's owners at the time, cricket was once played where La Salle's tennis courts now stand. The Belfield Country Club, which had a golf course that extended into what is now Main Campus, also once stood on the site of the Connelly Library and the North Halls complex.

## An Oasis in the City

*La Salle found its permanent home—a lush, 130-acre campus on the edge of historic Germantown and Wister Woods—at 20th and Olney in 1930.*

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## Brush with Fame

Muhammed Ali and Sammy Davis Jr. entertained on campus during a week-long African-American arts festival held in March 1969.



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## International Appeal

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To welcome a growing number of international students to La Salle's campus and help them adjust to living in the U.S., the University has developed the English Language Institute (ELI). The program prepares international students for life at La Salle and the greater Philadelphia region by increasing their English competency and introducing them to U.S. culture.



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## Rowin' Down the River

*La Salle made an impressive showing in Philadelphia's early Dad Vail Regattas—the largest collegiate regatta in the U.S.—winning championships from 1951 to 1953 and 1956 to 1958 in the men's varsity eight. La Salle also claimed championships in 1958 and 1962 for the men's freshman eight, in 1977 for the men's lightweight eight, in 1983 and 2002 for the men's varsity pair, and in 1991 for men's varsity pair four.*

## 109//Speed Studying

In 1942, at the start of American involvement in World War II, La Salle's Board of Managers approved an accelerated academic calendar, allowing students to graduate in just three years.

The next year the schedule was accelerated further, and students could complete their studies in just two years and nine months.

## 'Year Boxes' IIO

*From 1969 to 1972, the yearbook staff threw off the constraints of the traditional book format and produced boxes of inserts that pertained to students, faculty, and athletics. In an era of challenging authority, the administration was virtually ignored in these yearbooks.*

## 'THE TEACHER OF TEACHERS'

Joseph Flubacher, '35, joined La Salle's faculty in 1938. His colleagues noted his dedication to the intellectual, moral, and social development of his students, while students saw him as a wise counselor and reliable friend. For more than 60 years, Flubacher remained dedicated to his *alma mater*, being named an honorary Christian Brother in 1992, receiving the Signum Fidei Medal for 1999, and accepting an honorary degree in 2000.



La Salle University Archives

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## Preparation for a Caring Career

*The first nursing program established at La Salle, the R.N. to BSN program, was designed for adults already working as registered nurses. The program, which started with 36 students in September 1980, had its first graduates by May 1982.*



Beta Gamma Sigma President Bob Reid (left) and School of Business Dean Paul Brazina

## Preparing Business Leaders

Beta Gamma Sigma is the honor society for programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), a distinction held by fewer than 5 percent of business schools worldwide—and a group that includes La Salle's School of Business. The La Salle chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma has been honored as an outstanding chapter for eight out of the last nine years, and it was awarded the Gold Award from AACSB as the international society's top chapter in 2011.





## 'A Jewel in the City'

In a city bursting with culture, history, and art, a “marvel” of a museum opened in La Salle’s Olney Hall, offering an intimate place to view and experience some of the area’s finest artwork. The La Salle University Art Museum officially opened in 1975, fulfilling the dream of Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., University President *Emeritus*, poet, critic, and English professor. After introducing art history into the curriculum while working as Academic Vice President, Br. Daniel became determined to establish an even more personal experience that would spark a love of art in the hearts of La Salle students and the neighboring community. After 10 years of slowly acquiring art and working with a meager budget, the dream became a reality. Today, La Salle is the only Philadelphia university with its own permanent display of paintings, drawings, and sculptures dating from the Renaissance to the present. The Art Museum’s six period galleries contain works by Peale, Eakins, Tanner, Rouault, and many others.

## A Time to Mourn

The Centennial Ball, a gala that had been planned for Nov. 23, 1963, to celebrate La Salle’s 100th anniversary, was canceled because of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy the day before.



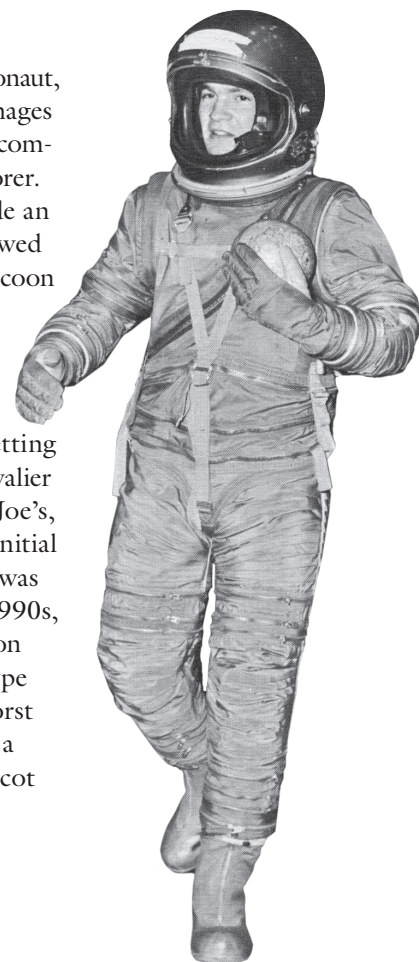
## A COLLEGE ODYSSEY

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Arthur Clarke, the author of *2001: A Space Odyssey*, visited campus through the Concert and Lecture series in the 1960s.

## 118//Mascot Mayhem

OK, so I say Explorer and you think ... astronaut, obviously. Or at least that’s one of many images the La Salle Explorers visualized before becoming associated with the modern-day Explorer. In the 1930s, Hector the Dog briefly made an appearance to boost student morale, followed by a rather peculiar character wearing a raccoon coat and straw hat. The first semblance of a true mascot came in the 1950s when a member of the “Excitators,” La Salle’s fan club, borrowed a costume from the tobacco company his father worked for, setting the concept of the 17th-century French cavalier style. In 1962, during a game against St. Joe’s, the Explorer astronaut made its debut to initial looks of befuddlement, but the astronaut was eventually embraced by fans. In the late 1990s, a committee of students and administration developed the “Tick,” a blue superhero-type character who was quickly labeled the worst mascot in Philadelphia. Finally, in 2002, a survey revealed the old cavalier-style mascot remained a favorite, and the modern-day Explorer was born.



## 117//AMBASSADORS FOR LA SALLE

More than 46,000 strong, La Salle’s alumni are scattered across all 50 states and dozens of countries, helping to spread the word about their *alma mater* in all corners of the globe.



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## 119//THE MICRO-MANAGER

President from 1945 until 1952, Brother Gregory Paul, F.S.C., presided over a period of tremendous growth at La Salle. His challenge was to grow the entire college—building facilities, including the first standalone library, hiring faculty and staff, and expanding course

offerings. It was a busy time, but Br. Gregory still found time to putter around campus, switching off lights at night and draining radiators during the winter.



Walter Holt

# I21

## MODERN AMENITIES

In the 1910s, for the first time, La Salle students could answer the call of nature without actually being *in* nature. Indoor toilets were installed in the basement of the college's building at 1240 N. Broad St. during a remodeling project, replacing the toilets that had stood in the schoolyard.



## Upgrading Our Hardware

At the culmination of the *Shoulder to Shoulder: Securing the Future* major gift initiative, launched by President Brother Michael McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, and chaired by Hugh Devlin, '64, the University had raised \$28.2 million toward the campaign's goal of constructing a new science and technology center and strengthening the endowment, raising a total of \$84.1 million over the life of the campaign. The fundraising effort allowed for a complete renovation of La Salle's 50-year-old science building, adding 38,000 square feet and establishing the most state-of-the-art and environmentally friendly building on campus. Holroyd Hall, featuring the Hugh and Nancy Devlin Center for Science and Technology, reopened in the fall of 2009 as one of the best-equipped science facilities in the area.

## Hollywood Connection

He made a name for himself as *Young Frankenstein's* loveable Monster and as *Everybody Loves Raymond's* gruff Frank Barone, but the late Peter Boyle, '57, was known during his La Salle days by an entirely different name: Brother Francis de Sales. Boyle left the Brothers to pursue an acting career after college, but he never forgot his *alma mater*—he was awarded an honorary degree in 1993 and the Communication Department's Shining Star Award in 2005, and he donated several film scripts to the Communication Department.

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## Achieving All-American Status

Since 1935, La Salle has developed an impressive list of student-athletes who have been named NCAA All-Americans. In total, 44 individuals and six relay teams have received the honor in 12 sports.





### TEACHING NONVIOLENCE

Activist and devout Catholic Dorothy Day visited La Salle four times between 1956 and 1966, discussing nonviolence, the social responsibility

of Christians, the Catholic conscience, and the U.S. intervention in Vietnam.

### LIVING HISTORY

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The Peale House, onetime home of famed American artist Charles Willson Peale and the location of La Salle's President's Office since 1986, is a National Historic Landmark and is considered one of the oldest buildings in use by a college or university in the country. Parts of the house date to 1708.



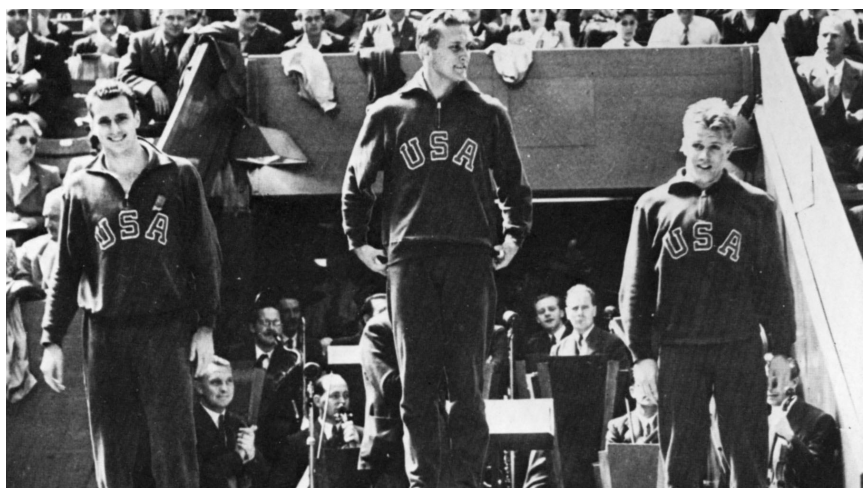
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### 127//Read All About It

An alumni magazine, then a four-page, monthly publication, was first published during the tenure of Brother Denis Edward, F.S.C., who served as President from 1911 to 1917.

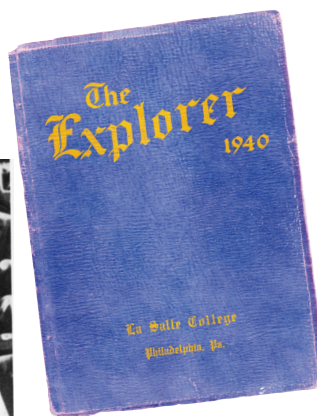
### Necessity Breeds Ingenuity

While Sir John McCarthy (above, with shovel) had donated \$10,000 to construct the stands for what would become known as McCarthy Stadium, the College was short on funds to complete the football stadium during the Great Depression. So La Salle President Brother Edwin Anselm, F.S.C., led the effort by La Salle staff to drag and level the field using a horse and wagon.



### 128//Olympic Success

Beyond McCarthy Stadium or Gola Arena, La Salle students or alumni have achieved international distinction through Olympic success. In the course of 10 Olympiads, 16 current or former student-athletes have competed in seven Olympic sports. Of those, three have earned gold medals—Joe Verdeur, '50 (above), in swimming at the London Games in 1948; and Hugh Foley, '66, and Stan Cwiklinski, '66, both part of the eight-man crew at the Tokyo Games in 1964.



### YEAR-END ROUNDUP

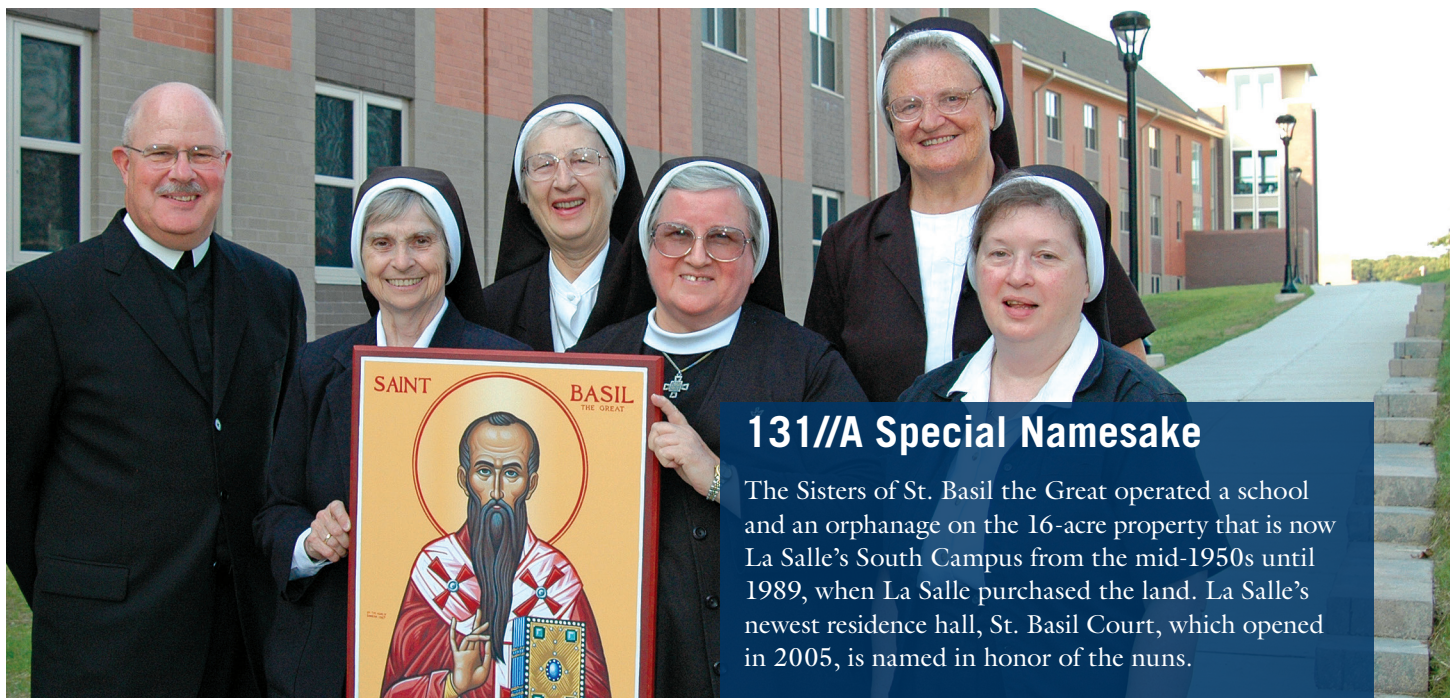
With the exception of the period from 1944 to 1947, a yearbook has been produced at La Salle every year since 1940.

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### Honoring Service

The highest honor given by the Alumni Association, the Signum Fidei Medal, derives its name from the motto of the Christian Brothers, "Sign of Faith." It is given annually to groups or individuals who have worked to uphold humanitarian principles in the tradition of the Brothers. Recent medal-winners have included Catholic Relief Services, the St. Gabriel's System, and Marci B. Schankweiler, '90, founder of the For Pete's Sake Cancer Respite Foundation.





### 131//A Special Namesake

The Sisters of St. Basil the Great operated a school and an orphanage on the 16-acre property that is now La Salle's South Campus from the mid-1950s until 1989, when La Salle purchased the land. La Salle's newest residence hall, St. Basil Court, which opened in 2005, is named in honor of the nuns.

### 132//NONPROFIT CENTER

Since its founding in 1981, the Nonprofit Center at La Salle's School of Business has provided more than 50,000 nonprofit staff members and leaders and 6,000 nonprofit board members with leadership and emerging leadership development, education and training programs, expert consulting, and certificate programs. In all, the Nonprofit Center has provided consulting services to 5,000 nonprofit organizations.

## Campus at Wartime

The Christian Brothers are defined by their focus on a practical education, and perhaps at no point was that more apparent than during World War II, when courses in blueprint reading, mechanical drawing, and even fingerprinting were added to the roster, to train students for roles they might play in the war effort. Intriguingly, while students were preparing in the classroom to combat the Nazis, German POWs were housed at the Armory on Ogontz Avenue. Once a week, the prisoners were allowed to play soccer on campus; students were banned from venturing outdoors during their games.

## Top-Notch Performance

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What's life without a little bit of drama or a chuckle from a well-crafted one-liner? Although students had presented plays at La Salle for years, an organized drama club known as *The Masque* debuted its first official production, *Sun Up*, to the public in 1934. Founded by Joseph Sprissler and elevated to prominence by the late Dan Rodden, '41, former student actor, Director of *The Masque*, and associate professor of English, the club has delivered quality productions for the La Salle community such as *Romeo and Juliet*, *South Pacific*, *Guys and Dolls*, and *Macbeth*. Known as an artistic man, Rodden "taught with the salesmanship of an actor," according to La Salle Magazine in 1979. Today, *The Masque* performs in Dan Rodden Theatre in La Salle's Union.

## House of Prayer

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In the days when La Salle's College Hall accommodated students from both La Salle High School and College, an architect structured the building with a large, well-ventilated auditorium in the basement. The space housed plays, dances, assemblies, early graduations, and even large exams for several years. By the mid-1960s, the Union building had been built, including a new auditorium, so the College Hall space was transformed into the current De La Salle Chapel.

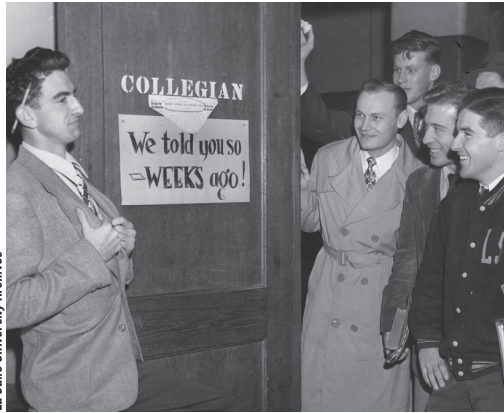






### LEADERS AMONG US

Charter Dinner was established in 1993 as a gala event to celebrate La Salle's founding and to honor outstanding leadership in the corporate, civic, governmental, or religious communities. Recent recipients of the Leadership Award have included Gaetano P. (Guy) Giordano, '76 (top left), President and Chief Executive Officer of Vincent Giordano Corporation; Gerald P. Cuddy (center left), President and Chief Executive Officer of Beneficial Bank; and Judith Reyers Spires, '75, MBA '09, Chief Executive Officer of Kings Super Markets Inc.



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### Making a Close Call

While the Chicago Tribune was wiping mud from its face for its erroneous headline declaring heavily favored Thomas Dewey as President over Harry Truman in the 1948 election, the La Salle Collegian staff proudly displayed their latest issue that accurately predicted Truman's come-from-behind win.

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### Women Hold Court

Forty years after men's varsity basketball made its debut at La Salle, women got the opportunity to play during the 1971–1972 season. Basketball became the first sport for women, just one year after the University officially went co-ed.



### 139//Practicing What We Believe

Students volunteering in community service projects and in service-learning courses engage in more than 50,000 hours of community service annually, which equals more than \$1 million of in-kind support for the local community. In recognition of this commitment to the community, the Corporation for National and Community Service has honored La Salle with a place on the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the past five years. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching also selected La Salle for its Community Engagement Classification in 2010. Fewer than 1 percent of the nation's higher education institutions have earned this recognition.



The first Hall of Athletes inductees were (clockwise from top left) Tom Gola, '55, Joe Verdeur, '50, Al Cantello, '55, Frank Loughney, '40, and Ira Davis, '58.

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## HONORED ATHLETES

The Hall of Athletes was founded in 1961 by the Alumni Association and has inducted 141 individuals, five teams, and seven coaches.

## Costume Drama

La Salle was a stop on a tour of college campuses by Sen. Eugene McCarthy of Minnesota in 1965. In order to fill the theater for his speech, professors rounded up students from their classes and even a troupe of student actors, in costume, who had been rehearsing for a Shakespearean play. Along with his planned speech on the importance of education, McCarthy remarked upon La Salle students' unique dress code.

## 142//A Not-So-Trivial Record

With one quizmaster and a rotating cast of contestants, the student broadcasters of La Salle's campus radio station, WEXP, stayed on the air continuously, asking and answering trivia questions, for 35 hours in April 2007, surpassing the previous world record of 30 hours.

## 143//BENDING THE RULES

After World War II, women began to work in the library and as secretaries. However, the Christian Brothers' superiors in Rome were still wary of having too many women on campus, so when Superior General Brother Athanase Emile, F.S.C., paid a visit one day in 1948, President Brother Gregory Paul, F.S.C., told all the women to stay home. To keep up appearances, Brothers and lay faculty members sat at the female employees' desks that day.

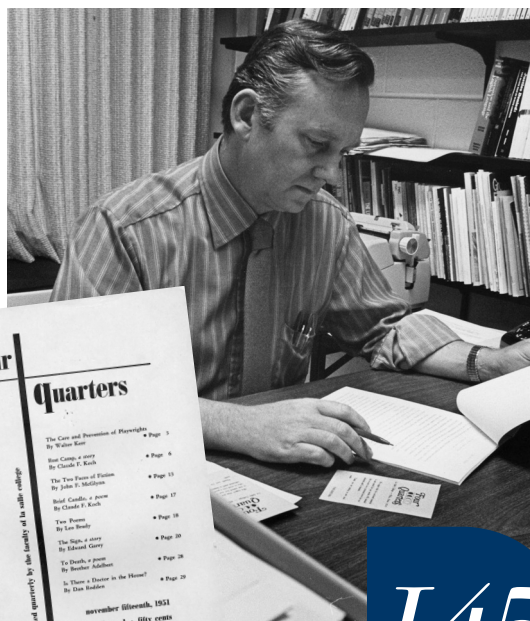


Lewis Farmer

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## Open Doors

Hired in 1967, Theopolis Fair (above) and the Rev. Sam Van Bird were La Salle's first African American tenure-track faculty members. Van Bird taught sociology at La Salle for more than 20 years, and Fair served two terms as Chair of the History Department.



Keenan photo by Charles F. Sibre, *Four Quarters* courtesy of La Salle University Archives

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## Little Magazine, Big Impact

Although its circulation never rose much higher than 700, the literary journal *Four Quarters* had a wide influence. Launched in 1951 to feature the work of La Salle's faculty, it evolved into a showcase for renowned poets, novelists, essayists, and even politicians. Some of the more famous contributors included Nobel Prize-winners Seamus Heaney and Alan Paton, Pulitzer Prize-winner Robert Penn Warren, John F. Kennedy, W.H. Auden, J.D. McClatchy, John L'Heureux, and Flannery O'Connor. During its 44-year run, *Four Quarters'* editors included Brother Edward Patrick Sheekey, F.S.C. (the namesake of Sheekey Writing Center in Olney Hall), and John Keenan, '52 (left), longtime English professor.





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## 'The Gray Banana'

*The sculpture that stands in the lobby of Olney Hall has been given quite a few nicknames by students since it was installed in 1984, but its official name is "The Solitude of Thought." It was donated by sculptor Jay Dugan as an expression of gratitude for the education La Salle provided to his three children. The lobby's floor had to be reinforced to bear the weight of the eight-ton sculpture, which was carved from a single piece of Carrara marble.*

## So Close, Yet So Far

When La Salle and Villanova met for a Big 5 matchup on Feb. 8, 1969, both were ranked in the top 10 nationally, and expectations were high. The teams responded by putting on a show. La Salle, coached by Tom Gola, '55, to a 23-1 record that season, was helped by a key three-point play by Ken Durrett, '71, at a crucial juncture, and the Explorers defeated the Wildcats, 74-67. The victory was bittersweet, though, as the Explorers were in the middle of a two-year NCAA-imposed probation period that barred them from postseason play. Considered by some to be the best team in La Salle history, the 1968-1969 team was, according to *Sports Illustrated*, "On Top with No Place to Go."

### PRESIDENTIAL PROTEST

President Brother Daniel Burke, F.S.C., joined an Episcopal bishop, a Methodist bishop, a rabbi, and a Presbyterian church leader in a Vietnam War protest during Holy Week in 1971. During the protest, Br. Daniel chained himself to the White House fence.

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## The American President

Before Brother Denis Edward, F.S.C., La Salle's first 13 presidents were all born outside of the United States—in Canada, Ireland, Germany, and even Luxembourg. Br. Denis, who was born in Phoenixville, Pa., and served as President from 1911 to 1917, was the first American by birth to hold the office.

## Serving Those Who Served Our Country

*The G.I. Bill, officially named the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, was a boon for veterans and for La Salle. World War II veterans flocked back to campus, some still wearing parts of their uniforms, eager to earn degrees and start their careers, and La Salle, recovering from the lean Depression and war years, welcomed them with open arms. Between the fall of 1945 and the fall of 1946, La Salle's enrollment exploded—from 138 students enrolled to 1,215. In 2009, a new G.I. Bill took effect, bringing a new generation of military veterans into the La Salle community.*



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## WHY WE GIVE BACK—SIGMA PHI LAMBDA BY LIZ VARGO, M.A. '10

THE EXCITEMENT EXUDED FROM HIS VOICE AS BROTHER Gerry Molyneaux, F.S.C., Ph.D., '58, discussed his vision for the newly developed Communication Department endowed professorship in his name. Created by, and, to date, nearly entirely funded through, the Sigma Phi Lambda fraternity, the Brother Gerry Molyneaux Endowed Professorship will provide faculty and professional development opportunities that will benefit communication faculty and students.

"I am delighted by it, touched by it, and excited by it," Br. Gerry said. "They're investing money in our faculty and students, the bricks and mortar of our department."

The notion of a professorship all started about a year ago when the brothers of Sigma Phi Lambda began brainstorming ways to acknowledge Br. Gerry's dedication to the fraternity, its members, and La Salle University. After bouncing around a few ideas, Jerry Lezynski, '82, contacted Terry Travis, '93, La Salle's Assistant Vice President for Development, and the professorship began taking shape.

"Everyone (in the fraternity) had a common question: 'What can we do to honor Br. Gerry for all he's done for us and for La Salle?' We wanted to do something while he could still enjoy it," Lezynski said.

The alumni organization of the fraternity, Sigma Phi Lambda: Committee of Explorers, was enthusiastic in its support of the tribute. "This idea blossomed into something close to Br. Gerry's heart," said Mike Diccicco, '71. "It helps the department and the students." Under Lezynski's leadership, an ad hoc group of fraternity alumni formed to push the fundraising forward. Members included Diccicco, Tom Lynch, '62, Paul Coady, '77, John Fenton, '81, Pete D'Orazio, '81, Ed Waddington, '81, Rich Marta, '84, Mike Hallowell, '86, Dan Stecher, '88, Jeff Boyle, '88, Bob Donahue, '91, and Jake Harris, '91.

The eager fraternity brothers have already raised more than two-thirds of the overall \$500,000 goal. Communication alumni have launched a parallel effort to raise funds as well.

The Sigma Phi Lambda brothers worked with La Salle's Development Office, Lynne Texter, Ph.D., Chair of the Communication Department, and Br. Gerry to develop criteria for the funding.

"This fund will benefit faculty development, which will then benefit students through what professors will bring into their teaching and mentoring. The fund will also benefit students directly as it is designed to support faculty-student projects and other student development opportunities," Texter said. "This professorship will be a way to honor Br. Gerry and will sustain his wonderful influence on faculty and students for many years to come."

The Sigma Phi Lambda brothers are grateful for all Br. Gerry has done for them both as a fraternity moderator for 36 years as well as for each of them personally. "In 50 years, our fraternity has never been as strong as it is today," said Tom Lynch, '62. "Br. Gerry is our glue, he's what drives it, and we're so glad to say, 'Thanks.'"

"He's been a tremendous mentor for me," Lezynski added, "throughout my professional life and even my personal life. He was always there for me and for others."

"I don't know if there would be a Sigma Phi Lambda fraternity on campus without Br. Gerry Molyneaux," Diccicco said.

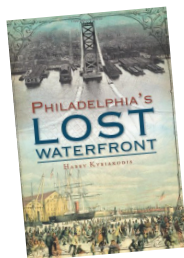
Br. Gerry has seen a litany of students benefit from faculty collaboration over the years and said this funding will only enhance that effort, providing even more opportunities to students. "This is the best thing about La Salle," he said. "One faculty member worked with me and it improved my writing and changed my life. ... It worked for me, it worked for these alumni, and now it's working for our students."

Lynch said establishing the professorship is an opportunity to give back and pay it forward, "providing a lasting legacy of Br. Gerry in the spirit of fidelity and leadership."

*(Above, from left) Fraternity brothers Joe Hirschmann, '64, Jake Harris, '91, Mike Diccicco, '71, moderator Brother Gerry Molyneaux, F.S.C., Ph.D., '58, and Jerry Lezynski, '82.*



## book notes



### Philadelphia's Lost Waterfront

BY HARRY KYRIAKODIS, '86

The History Press, 2011;  
176 pp.; \$21.99

The wharves and docks of William Penn's city that helped build a nation have been lost to more than 300 years of development. This book chronicles the history of one of the greatest trade centers in the American colonies, from Quaker settlers who first lived in caves along the Delaware and the devastating yellow fever epidemic of 1793 to its heyday as a maritime center and the 20th century, which saw much of the historic riverfront razed.

*Harry Kyriakodis, '86, is a staff attorney for the American Law Institute as well as a historian and writer about the City of Brotherly Love. He is a founding/certified member of the Association of Philadelphia Tour Guides and gives walking tours and presentations on unique parts of the city for various groups.*

### 2012 The End of Time

BY JOHN J. MARNIEN JR., '66

Infinity Publishing, 2011;  
322 pp.; \$17.95

The science fiction novel *2012 The End of Time* demonstrates how people behave under such dire circumstances as facing predictions of a possible earth-wide calamity. Although its focus does deal with the numerous prophecies concerning a cosmic event in the winter of this year, the behavior of the people described in the narrative is typical of all such occurrences. Already, there are new prophets insisting that we will survive 2012 only to meet our demise in 2013.

*John J. Marnien Jr., '66, was born in Northeast Philadelphia and now lives in Levittown, Pa. He earned his bachelor's degree at La Salle. He later earned a master's degree from the University of Utah as well as a certified public manager degree. Since retiring, he has pursued a second career as an author. The End of Time earned a Best of the Month listing by Barnes and Noble.*



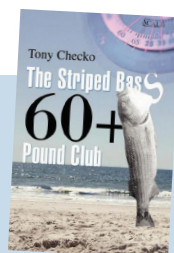
### The Striped Bass 60+ Pound Club and The Striped Bass 60++ Club

BY TONY CHECKO (THE PEN NAME  
OF TONY CHECKOWSKI, MBA '94)

iUniverse, 2005 and 2010; 221 and 256 pps.;  
\$30.95 hardcover, \$18.95 paperback

Both books contain stories and pictures from fishermen who have caught striped bass weighing more than 60 pounds, which is a rare event. Additional chapters include the color vision of this fish, fishing tips from these fishermen and women, present problems concerning the striper, popular lures, and lure making, as well as the best places, times, seasons, and statistical information to fish.

*Tony Checko earned his MBA from La Salle in 1994. He is a retired aerospace engineer and has spent 50 years fishing for striped bass. He has been married for 49 years to his wife, Eileen. They have traveled east to west, including Europe and China. Checko lives in Upper Gwynedd, Pa.*



### Salem's Secret

BY L.T. DEANGELO, '77

CreateSpace Independent  
Publishing Platform, 2012;  
230 pp.; \$11.99

Why was the devil suddenly unleashed on the hard-working people of this early American village? Was Salem suddenly infested with witches, warlocks, and wizards, or were other sinister forces working behind the scenes in a desperate plot that quickly took on a life of its own? *Salem's Secret* provides a plausible story of the forces that came to play, leading to one of history's most outrageous crimes against humanity.

*L.T. DeAngelo, '77, earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from La Salle University and a master's degree in professional development from Middlesex University in London, England. He is a Marine Corps Vietnam combat veteran and retired corporate executive. He and his family live in Sarasota, Fla. A portion of the profits from each book sold will be donated to the International Huntington Association.*



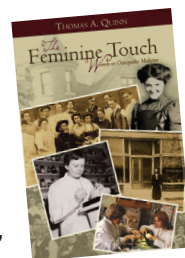
### The Feminine Touch: Women in Osteopathic Medicine

BY THOMAS A. QUINN,  
D.O., '62

Truman State University Press, 2011;  
200 pp.; \$34.95

*The Feminine Touch: Women in Osteopathic Medicine* is a book about the struggle of women to gain equality with men in the field of medicine. Dr. Andrew Still, the founder of osteopathic medicine, recognized "the feminine touch" and defied tradition by opening the first true coeducational medical school in America. The book showcases some of the valiant female osteopathic doctors and their fight against the inequalities of the sexes in medicine. The PBS TV documentary, *The Feminine Touch: Women in Osteopathic Medicine*, is scheduled for release in early 2013.

*Thomas A. Quinn, D.O., '62, graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1966. Quinn is a clinical professor at the Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, Fla.*



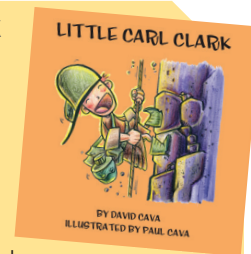
### Little Carl Clark

BY DAVID CAVA, '88

Trafford Publishing,  
2005; 36 pp.; \$20

Little Carl Clark dreams he is out of bed and at the beginning of an exciting new adventure. While visiting this magical new land, he meets up with a number of colorful characters who have taught Carl the way back home. But has Carl been listening? *Little Carl Clark* focuses on the importance of having fun while learning, with a whimsical rhyming scheme and brilliant color illustrations.

*David Cava, '88, met his wife Moira, '88, at La Salle University, and the couple recently celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary with their three children. Cava is a contributing writer for Philadelphia RowHome Magazine as well as a salesperson for Comcast. The story of Little Carl Clark is a compilation of memories, activities, and childhood adventures illustrated by his brother, Paul, to ignite a young reader's creativity.*



"Book Notes" will be featured periodically in upcoming issues of this magazine. We invite you to let us know if there's a book written by an alum that might be highlighted by e-mailing Liz Vargo, M.A. '10, at [vargo@lasalle.edu](mailto:vargo@lasalle.edu).

#### PAST RECIPIENTS

**2012**

Gaetano P. (Guy) Giordano, '76

**2011**

Gerard P. Cuddy

**2010**

William J. Markmann, M.D., '70

**2009**

Elmer F. (Bud) Hansen Jr., '58

**2008**

Judith Reyers Spires, '75

**2007**

Sharmain Matlock-Turner

**2006**

Daniel K. Fitzpatrick, '86

**2005**

William R. Sasso, Esq., '69

**2004**

Leon Ellerson, '56

**2003**

Daniel J. Whelan, '68

**2002**

William R. Sautter, '71

**2001**

Michael J. Emmi

**2000**

Charles J. Reilly, '62

**1999**

James J. Lynch, '71

**1998**

J. Lawrence Wilson

**1997**

G. Fred DiBona Jr. †

**1996**

Nicholas A. Giordano, '65

**1995**

William J. Avery

**1994**

Joseph F. Paquette

**1993**

Nelson G. Harris

† deceased

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# THE TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL CHARTER DINNER

Leadership Award to be presented to



**THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS  
OF LA SALLE UNIVERSITY**  
IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE PRIOR RECIPIENTS

Hyatt at the Bellevue  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
Saturday, March 23, 2013  
6:30 p.m.

The Charter Dinner celebrates the founding of La Salle College on March 20, 1863, and pays tribute to the generations of Christian Brothers, laypersons, and clergy whose dedication has made La Salle University the prominent institution that it is today.

Since its founding, La Salle has played a leadership role in Philadelphia as both an educational institution and a responsible corporate citizen. The University recognizes those who display outstanding leadership in the corporate, civic, governmental, or religious communities with the presentation of La Salle University's Leadership Award.

Since 1863, the Institute of the Christian Brothers, founded by St. John Baptist de La Salle, has made quality education accessible to students in the Philadelphia region and beyond. Brothers fill the roles of professors, administrators, staff members, advisers, and mentors at La Salle University. Their resilience and creativity in partnership with lay leaders and associates have enabled La Salle University to thrive. Even as the student body has changed and diversified at the University over the past 150 years, the Brothers and their partners have continued their mission to offer a personal and practical education that meets the needs and circumstances of their students.

Proceeds from the annual Charter Dinner and Leadership Award ceremony are utilized to enhance the University's Scholarship Fund, thereby benefiting future generations of La Salle students.

For more information, please visit our Web site at [www.lasalle.edu/charterdinner](http://www.lasalle.edu/charterdinner) or contact [hagner@lasalle.edu](mailto:hagner@lasalle.edu) or 215.991.3595.



150th  
anniversary



## Celebrating the Lasallian Day of Service

Continuing a 150-year tradition of service, members of the La Salle community came together on Sept. 29, 2012, to celebrate the University's sesquicentennial by volunteering their time and talents for others.

More than 1,000 Explorers locally, nationwide, and around the world participated in the Lasallian Day of Service. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends volunteered for a variety of projects at more than 30 sites in Philadelphia, as well as sites in Bucks, Chester, and Montgomery counties; Washington, D.C.; New York City; St. Louis, Mo.; Chicago, Ill.;

San Francisco, Calif.; Boston, Mass.; Camden and Ocean City, N.J.; Palm Beach County and Tampa, Fla.; and Yakima, Wash. La Salle students studying internationally also volunteered at locations in several countries.

"It is truly a blessing and a privilege to offer a Day of Service in the region and around the world as we celebrate our 150th anniversary," said President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70. "The theme of our sesquicentennial celebration is 'Living the Promise'—it is our way of saying that while La Salle has grown and adapted







to meet the circumstances and needs of the times, we have been faithful to our mission."

One particularly special service project included painting and landscaping work at La Salle Academy, an independent school in Philadelphia founded by the Christian Brothers and the Sisters of St. Joseph. The school is located at St. Michael's Parish, the original site where La Salle College was founded in 1863.

Other service projects included work with Habitat for Humanity, homeless shelters, hospices, community centers,

food banks, schools, and churches. The Department of Social Work also organized groups to assist with voter registration in the neighborhood around La Salle prior to the presidential election.

"It was wonderful to participate in the Lasallian Day of Service with so many others," said Paul Burgoyne, Esq., '70, President of La Salle's Alumni Association, who volunteered at four Philadelphia sites. "The extraordinary thing was that we were all doing it simultaneously, drawing strength from each other and honoring our heritage."

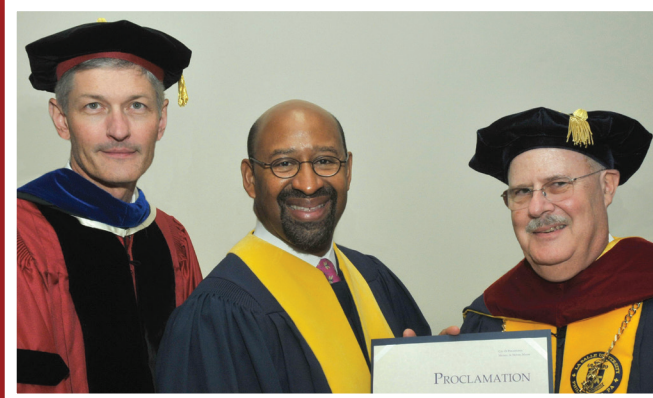
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LIVING THE PROMISE

The Day of Service was a major part of La Salle's 150th anniversary celebration, building on the spirit of service to the community that has been present at the University since its inception.



## Nutter Presents Proclamation for Anniversary

Philadelphia Mayor Michael A. Nutter delivered an address to new students and their families during the University's Opening Convocation in August and presented a proclamation commemorating La Salle's 150th anniversary.



(From left) Joseph Marbach, Ph.D., '83, Provost, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter, and President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70

Mayor Nutter's address kicked off an academic year full of events geared toward honoring and celebrating the University's 150-year promise of faith, education, and service.

The proclamation presented to La Salle President Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, declared Aug. 23, 2012, "to be the official opening of the La Salle University sesquicentennial celebration in Philadelphia, and (I) urge all citizens to be aware of La Salle University's 150-year history as an outstanding higher education institution and its place as an indispensable part of the fabric of our city."

—Jon Caroulis

## Archbishop Chaput Receives Honorary Degree



President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70, (left) and Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., D.D.

Philadelphia Archbishop Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., D.D., was presented with an honorary degree at La Salle's Honors Convocation in October for his leadership and lifelong commitment to the Catholic faith.

"We are especially pleased to be able to recognize Archbishop Chaput as part of our 150th anniversary celebration because of the historical bond between La Salle and the archdiocese. Bishop Wood and the Lasallian Brothers of the Christian Schools collaborated to found La Salle College, bringing much-needed Catholic higher education to Philadelphia in 1863 in the

midst of the Civil War," said La Salle President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70.

"La Salle is one of the treasures of Philadelphia's long history of intellectual excellence," Archbishop Chaput said. "The real joy of being here is knowing that the greatest work of this great institution lies in the future, not in the past."

—Jon Caroulis

## Signum Fidei Presented to CRS

This fall, La Salle presented one of its highest honors, the Signum Fidei Medal, to another organization noted for its service to others: Catholic Relief Services (CRS), the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

Presented by the Alumni Association, the medal is given each year to an individual or organization that has made noteworthy contributions to the advancement of humanitarian principles. The name of the award means "Sign of Faith," the motto of the Christian Brothers.



Joan Rosenhauer, Executive Vice President of U.S. Operations for Catholic Relief Services, receives the Signum Fidei Medal from Paul J. Burgoyne, Esq., '70, President of the Alumni Association.

The award was accepted by Joan Rosenhauer, Executive Vice President of U.S. Operations for CRS. "It is a great honor to accept this award," Rosenhauer said. "We share La Salle University's values of service to the poor and upholding education as the path to a better future."

La Salle and CRS have developed an ongoing relationship that is shaped by the University's mission of preparing students for service and leadership in their communities.

—Jon Caroulis

## Capturing the Spirit of 'Mr. La Salle'



*Past Finley Award recipients: (Back row, from left) John F. Carabello, DMD, '62, Peter J. Finley, Ed.D., '53, John F. Reardon, '59, Joseph H. Cloran, '61, and Jack Marczely, '60. (Front row, from left) Stephen L. McGonigle, '72, James J. McDonald, '58, Maria Tucker Cusick, '83, John L. McCloskey, '48, and Marianne S. Gauss, '74.*

Known as Mr. La Salle, John J. Finley, '24, truly embodied the spirit of the University, so much so that an award was established in his name to recognize La Salle alumni who display outstanding leadership and service to the University. As the University celebrates its 150th anniversary, it seemed only fitting to honor Finley and past recipients of the award in a video tribute during the annual Alumni Association Awards Dinner this fall.

The first John J. Finley, '24, Award was given out in 1962, and 26 alumni have received the honor since then.

Peter J. Finley, Ed.D., '53, son of John Finley and past recipient of the Finley Award, said that giving back provides a sense of purpose in life, something he witnessed from both his parents. "La Salle was an extension of our family," he said. "I think I spent almost as much time here as my home. That was part of what my dad was all about, and my mom was involved as much as he was in La Salle University."

The theme of La Salle's 150th celebration is Living the Promise. To Alumni Association President Paul Burgoyne, Esq., '70, that means living out the values he learned at La Salle and having them reinforced by others who share those same values.

"The promise means that in the same way I was promised an education here, promised financial aid here, I have a duty to ensure that the promise continues," said Joanna McClinton, Esq., '03, past member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

And having that spirit, that promise, live on is what John Finley was all about.

## [ A FEAST TO GIVE THANKS ]



*Kristen Caraker '15, serves Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimmings to police officers from the 35th police district. To show the University community's appreciation for those who protect the campus and the neighborhood, a meal also was served at the 14th police district.*

## Board Welcomes New Trustees

Four new members joined La Salle's Board of Trustees in October.

Brother Frank G. Byrne, F.S.C., is President of Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, N.J., and he previously served as Provincial of the New York Province of the De La Salle Christian Brothers.

Margaret A. Kane, '03, serves as Vice President at Brian Communications, a full-service communications agency. She served as President of La Salle's Alumni Association from 2009 to 2011.

William R. Sasso, Esq., '69, is Chairman of Stradley Ronan's Management Committee and Board of Directors. He served on La Salle's Board of Trustees from 2000 to 2008.

Stephen T. Zarilli, '83, is the President and CEO of Safe-guard Scientifics, a publicly traded growth capital provider. He was directly involved in launching La Salle's Center for Entrepreneurship in 2010.

Laura Kind McKenna and Brother Robert Schieler, F.S.C., '72, departed the Board this year.





## Dean Henry Receives IT Leadership Award



*Thomas A. Keagy, Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences (left) honors Dean Henry, MBA '86, with the IT Leadership Award.*

During Homecoming, La Salle presented its Information Technology Leadership Award to Dean Henry, MBA '86, Chief of Staff and Project Manager in the Information Technology Security Office at the Vanguard Group in Malvern, Pa.

"Dean's career includes disaster recovery planning and information security for many different industries, including finance, insurance, aerospace, and health care. This background enables him to provide sound IT leadership for developing and maintaining the security initiatives at Vanguard," said Margaret McCoe, '79, assistant professor of computer science at La Salle and Director of La Salle's master's programs in Information

Technology Leadership and Computer Information Science.

Henry began his security office assignment at Vanguard by managing the security architecture team. Most recently, he has coordinated security program budget planning, served as security training curriculum owner, and led special projects that reviewed the effectiveness of security operations and application security assessments at Vanguard.

"As the rate of technological change increases, so do the risks associated with that technology change," Henry said. "We are so dependent on technology that any disruption to that highly available and reliable technology can become a big deal real fast."

—Jon Caroulis

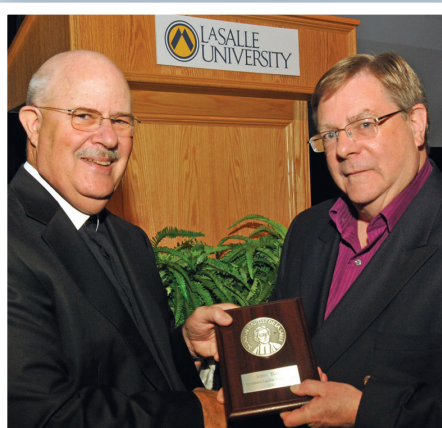
## Library Director Named Distinguished Educator

La Salle named John Baky, Director of Connelly Library, as the 2012 recipient of the University's Distinguished Lasallian Educator Award. The award honors outstanding members of the La Salle community who show commitment to Lasallian traditions.

Previously, Baky served as the library's Head of Acquisitions, adding 130,000 volumes to its collection. He developed many of the library's special collections, including Imaginative Representations of the Vietnam War, Imaginative Representations of the Holocaust, the Susan Dunleavy Collection of Biblical Literature, and the Life and Work of Bob Dylan.

"The Christian Brothers have an extraordinary commitment to the notion of physical libraries as very important to the formation of the mind and as an essential marker for the definition of liberal arts education," Baky said.

—Amy Gardner Cranston, M.A. '09



*President Brother Michael J. McGinniss, F.S.C., Ph.D., '70 (left), and John Baky, Director of Connelly Library*



### HOMECOMING 2012

*Explorers returned to campus this fall to celebrate Homecoming with a party, Kidsfest, the Coach Torpey Sig Phive K run, a men's basketball game, and reunions for classes, African American alumni, the Honors Program, BUSCA, and the La Salle in Europe and study abroad programs.*



### FAMILY FUN

*La Salle's Family Weekend provided a host of events for families both on and off campus, including dinner at Treetops Café, Carnifall activities at McCarthy Stadium, Night in Vegas, and tours of Philadelphia.*

### LA SALLE HAS RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING GRANTS:



- The Charlotte W. Newcombe Foundation: \$100,000 challenge grant over five years to establish the Susan F. Altamore Carusi—Charlotte W. Newcombe Endowed Scholarship Fund
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Nurse Anesthetist Traineeship Program: \$43,256
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students: \$2.4 million to provide \$15,000 scholarships to 40 undergraduate nursing students over four years

## Jarvinen Named Kelly Fellow



The Brother Alfred Kelly Center for Social Justice Research, established through La Salle's Office of Mission Integration, granted its inaugural fellowship to Lisa Jarvinen, Ph.D., assistant professor of history. The Kelly Center supports faculty research that focuses on issues of social justice.

Jarvinen will receive two years of funding for her research, "'Liberty's Infant Class': Education, Americanization, and Differentiated Citizenship During the Progressive Era," which considers how educational beliefs shaped policies for acquiring U.S. citizenship.

### CARDINAL VISITS



Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop Emeritus of Los Angeles, gave a presentation on immigration and immigration reform and met with students, faculty, and staff during a visit to campus this fall.

### FALL DRP EVENTS



This fall, the Diplomat-in-Residence Program featured Nathan Gilbert Quimpo (left), associate professor at University of Tsukuba, Japan, discussing "Communist Insurgency and Muslim Separatism," and Elkanah Odembo, Ambassador of the Republic of Kenya to the U.S., presenting "Kenya's Role in Regional Peace and Security."



### RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF REUNITE

(Front row, from left) Angela Duffy (wife of John Duffy, economics); Rita Mall, Ph.D., foreign languages; and Robert Fallon, Ph.D., English. (Second row, from left) James McDonald, '59, Alumni Affairs; Bert Streib, Ph.D., physics; Rose Ann Hoffman, Ed.D., education; Tom Hickey, '48, Executive Secretary, La Salle Education Foundation; Joseph O'Grady, Ph.D., '56, history; Grace Pierce (widow of Raymond Pierce, Ph.D., philosophy); Margareta Ritchings, Public Relations; and John McCloskey, '48, Vice President for Public Relations. (Third row, from left) Robert S. Lyons, '61, Director, News Bureau; Cathy Ricci, '94, Provost's Office (wife of Ray Ricci); Helen Grady (widow of John Grady, Honors Program); Mary Ann Kerlin (widow of Michael Kerlin, Ph.D., '57, MBA '88, philosophy); Patricia Boni, Ph.D., foreign languages; Tom McCarthy, Ph.D., psychology; Connie O'Grady (wife of Joseph O'Grady, history); Betsey Mooney (widow of John Mooney, Ph.D., mathematics); and Brother Edward Davis, F.S.C., Ph.D., '55, foreign languages. (Fourth row, from left) Ray Ricci, '66, Vice President for Enrollment Services and Director of Mission Integration; John Sweeder, Ed.D., '71, education; John Duffy, Ph.D., '59, economics; Samuel Wiley, Ph.D., mathematics and computer science; David Efromson, Ph.D., religion; John Rooney, '46, Ph.D., psychology; Brother Charles Gresh, F.S.C., '55, Advancement; and Hugh Thomas, Director of Facilities. (Fifth row, from left) John P. Rossi, Ph.D., '58, history; John F. Reardon, Ed.D., '59, accounting; Joseph Troxel, Ph.D., management; Theo Fair, Ph.D., history; Gerald Johnson, Building Manager, Bucks County Center; Charles Hoffman, Ph.D., mathematics and computer science; and Brother Joseph Grabenstein, F.S.C., '71, University Archivist.



### Working on Wall Street

(From left) Jason Rogers, MBA '04, Reginald Browne, '93, and Dino Dedic, '06

Three La Salle business alumni, Reginald Browne, '93, Jason Rogers, MBA '04, and Dino Dedic, '06, collaborated on a panel discussion to give students insight into what it is really like to work on Wall Street and how to get there. Browne, the Managing Director of the Exchange-traded Fund (ETF) Team for Knight Equity Markets in Jersey City, N.J., is recognized as one of the first modern ETF market makers in the industry, and Rogers and Dedic work at two of the top investment banks on Wall Street.

"As an alumnus, I have a degree of responsibility to offer my gifts and talents to the school," Browne said. "I am a direct beneficiary of the education and experience I received at La Salle. I hope hearing my experience on my path to my career in financial services will inspire students to pursue a path into the field."

—Amy Gardner Cranston, M.A. '09





## Marriages

1992 Jennifer Faig (B.A.) to Ruben Garrido.

1999 Jamie R. Ball (B.A., M.A. '05, Psy.D. '07) to Joseph M. Canataro (B.S. '01).

2001 Joseph M. Canataro (B.S.) to Jamie R. Ball (B.A. '99, M.A. '05, Psy.D. '07).

2002 Megan M. Deery, CPA (B.S., MBA '06) to Christopher M. Heater, CPA (B.S.).

2003 John P. Kilty, Esq. (B.A.) to Michelle G. Martinez.

Amy C. Schneider, D.O. (B.A.) to Joseph Lyall.

2005 Jessica M. Lawrenson (B.A.) to Angelino Vasquez (B.A.).

Brendan T. Kelly (B.A.) to Emily Baith.

2006 William S. Lockard III (B.S.) to Therese E. Pomeroy (B.S. '07).

Rosemarie Schmidt (BSN) to Martin Sylvester.

Vincent A. Tarducci (B.A., M.A. '12) to Christine Denshuick (B.A. '07, M.A. '11).

2007 Jennifer A. Mattioli (BSN, MSN '12) to Kevin M. Forik (B.A.).

Therese E. Pomeroy (B.S.) to William S. Lockard III (B.S. '06).

Christine Denshuick (B.A., M.A. '11) to Vincent A. Tarducci (B.A. '06, M.A. '12).

2008 Michael L. Strobel (B.A.) to Brittany M. Buckwalter (B.A.).

1943 ★ REUNION YEAR The Rev. James E. Coley (B.A.) of Pennington, N.J., is celebrating 65 years as an ordained member of the clergy serving the Diocese of Trenton.

1948 ★ REUNION YEAR

1953 ★ REUNION YEAR

1954 Geoffrey B. Kelly, STD, Ph.D., LL.D (B.A., M.A. '55) of Glenside, Pa., was a featured speaker at the International Bonhoeffer Congress held in Sigtuna, Sweden. His paper highlighted the crucial role played by Dietrich Bonhoeffer in the German Resistance Movement's attempt to assassinate Hitler and overthrow the Nazi government.

1957 James A. Atkins (B.S.) of Bluffton, S.C., has been married for 54 years and has seven children and 17 grandchildren.

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1958 ★ REUNION YEAR

1959 Earl R. Sullivan (B.S.) of Harleysville, Pa., welcomed his oldest grandson to La Salle University as a student in the Class of 2016.

1960 William J. Gallagher, Esq. (B.A.) of Chadds Ford, Pa., was named a 2012 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters rating service of outstanding lawyers. He is a senior partner with law firm MacElree Harvey in Chester County, Pa.

Stanley J. Travis Jr., D.O. (B.S.) of Hatboro, Pa., celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Louise, on Aug. 30, 2012.

1961 James J. Binns, J.D. (B.S., M.A. '92) of Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed to the Pennsylvania Advisory Board of Devereux, a leading nonprofit behavioral health-care organization.

John T. Savage (B.S.) of Media, Pa., welcomed his first grandchild, Charlotte Madeline McCarron, born to his daughter, Charlotte Savage (B.A. '99).

1963 ★ REUNION YEAR Patrick J. Cronin (B.A.) of Johnson City, Tenn., is the Director of the Fine and Performing Arts Division of the Honors College at East Tennessee State University and the Division Head of the theatre dance program. He appeared in shows such as *Seinfeld*, *Family Matters*, *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, *Sabrina*, *the Teenage Witch*, *The Wonder Years*, and *Army Wives*.

1964 James Black (B.A.) of Quakertown, Pa., organized and operates the religious community Fatima House Retreat Center in Bedminster, Pa., with his wife, Joan.

Sean Gresh, Ed.D. (B.A.) of Ipswich, Mass., was honored on the Wall of Fame at St. James Catholic High School for Boys in Chester, Pa., by the alumni of the school. The school is no longer in existence; however, the alumni are active in honoring significant alums.

Charles N. Hug Jr. (B.A.) of Flourtown, Pa., celebrated his 10th year with Corporate Valuation Advisors, an international appraisal and valuation consulting firm. He has been in the valuation profession for more than 36 years.

James J. Kirschke, Ph.D. (B.A.) of Paoli, Pa., published his Vietnam memoir, *Not Going Home Alone*, in voice-enabled format on Kindle and Nook by Random House Publishers. The book is also available in print on demand with Random House Books.

Donald F. McAvoy Jr. of Jeffersonville, Pa., received a chairman's award from Malvern Retreat House for his contributions to the advancement of the Malvern retreat apostolate.

1965 John W. Becher, D.O. (B.S.) of Newtown Square, Pa., retired as Chair of Emergency Services at AtlantiCare Regional Medical Center in Atlantic City, N.J. He is a professor and Chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine at the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and an adjunct professor of emergency medicine at Thomas Jefferson University. He is a fellow of the American College of Osteopathic Emergency Physicians and a member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine and the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Brother Richard Kestler, F.S.C. (B.A.) of Wyndmoor, Pa., is the President of West Philadelphia Catholic High School in Philadelphia, Pa.



## Births and Adoptions

**James H. Stewart (B.A.)** of Drexel Hill, Pa., was honored at a celebrity roast tribute, "This is Your Life," at Malvern Preparatory School in Malvern, Pa. He retired from the Prep after 42 years of serving as a teacher and 37 years in leadership roles such as president, head of school, assistant headmaster, athletic director, dean of studies, and dean of students.

**1966 Walter J. Plagens Jr. (B.A.)** of Holiday, Fla., was re-elected the Knights of Columbus Recorder, Council 6476, and Scribe for Assembly 1774 in Holiday.

**1967 Louis J. Beccaria, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Phoenixville, Pa., was named Citizen of the Year by the Phoenixville Regional Chamber of Commerce.

**Augustin J. Schwartz III, M.D. (B.S.)** of West Palm Beach, Fla., is practicing oncology/hematology with the Palm Beach Cancer Institute in West Palm Beach. He is on the clinical faculty at University of Miami School of Medicine and Duke University School of Medicine. He was also elected to the Medical Executive Committee at the Good Samaritan Medical Center in West Palm Beach.

**1968 ★ REUNION YEAR James M. Penny Jr., Esq. (B.A.)** of Wallingford, Pa., was

**1997** A daughter, Liliana, to Justin and **Linda (Heffernan) Wert (B.A., M.A. '10)**.

**1999** Twin daughters, Taylor Grace and Tiernan Elizabeth, to Dana and **John P. Lohn, Jr. (B.A.)**.

A daughter, Charlotte Madeline McCarron, to **Charlotte Savage (B.A.)**.

**2000** A daughter, Kinley Reese, to Laurie and **Kevin T. Ibach (B.A.)**.

**2001** A son, Patrick Thomas, to Matthew and **Colleen (Prendergast) Hopper, CPA (B.S.)**.

**2003** A daughter, Paige Marie, to Joseph and **Amy C. (Schneider) Lyall, D.O. (B.A.)**.

**2004** A daughter, Arya, to **Iryne (Berezovska) Carrasquillo (B.A.)** and **Robert Carrasquillo II (B.A.)**.

**2008** A daughter, Lorelei Anne, to **Caitlin R. (Immerman) McGinley (B.A.)** and **Robert F. McGinley (B.S.)**.

named a 2012 Pennsylvania Rising Star by Super Lawyers, a Thomson Reuters rating service of outstanding lawyers.

**1969 Edward Mockapetris (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is assisting in organizing a trip to Fribourg, Switzerland, in 2013 to commemorate 50 years of the La Salle in Europe program.

**1970 Paul J. Burgoyne, Esq. (B.A.)** of Cherry Hill, N.J., was elected to serve as Secretary of the National Organization of Bar

Counsel, a nonprofit organization of legal professionals whose members enforce ethics rules that regulate the professional conduct of lawyers who practice law in the United States, Canada, and Australia.

**Albert A. Monillas, Ed.D. (B.S.)** of Cape May, N.J., was named Head of School at Sacred Heart High School in Vineland, N.J.

**1971 Thomas Gerrow, F.S.C. (B.A.)** of North Providence, R.I., began his tenure as President of La Salle Academy in Providence as the Academy enters its 141st year of providing a Catholic education that is committed to excellence.

**Joseph F. Majdan, M.D., FACP (B.S.)** of New Hope, Pa., is the 2012 recipient of the Lindback Foundation Award for Distinguished Teaching and the Dean's Award for Distinguished Teaching at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa. He was also chosen by the Class of 2012 to administer the Hippocratic Oath and was honored by the Class of 1986 by having his portrait painted.

**William A. Wachter, Ph.D. (B.S.)** of Flemington, N.J., retired from ExxonMobil after 35 years of service.

**1972 George F. Hayhoe, Ph.D. (B.A.)** of Macon, Ga., was honored with the Jay R. Gould Award for excellence in teaching technical communication by the Society for Technical Communication. He is a professor of technical communication and director of the Master of Science program in technical communication management at the Mercer University School of Engineering in Macon, Ga.

**James J. Ritvalsky (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., retired from the Philadelphia Department of Parks and Recreation after 41 years of service.



*The Naval Academy recently honored Al Cantello, '55, as the longest tenured coach in its history, and he also holds the Academy record for the most wins over Army of any coach. This fall, Cantello completed his 45th season as head coach of the men's cross country team, and he is entering his 50th year as a member of the men's track and field coaching staff. He has amassed a winning percentage of nearly 80 percent, and he coached Navy teams to four consecutive Patriot League titles from 2008 to 2011, each of those titles accompanied by conference coach of the year honors. (From left, shown on screen at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium) Vice Adm. Michael Miller, Superintendent of the Naval Academy; Cantello's wife, Jackie; Cantello; and Chet Gladchuck, Navy Director of Athletics.*





*Joseph J. McGrenra, '83 (right), the Deputy for Small Business for Naval Facilities Engineering Command Mid-Atlantic, was a speaker at the 2012 East Coast Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business conference in Hampton, Va., where he met retired Marine lieutenant colonel and Fox News commentator Oliver North, the conference's keynote speaker.*

#### 1973 ★ REUNION YEAR

**1974 Andrew E. DiPiero Jr., Esq. (B.A.)** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., was re-elected to a three-year term on the Board of Trustees of Quaint Oak Bank. He is a member of the law firm Baratta, Russell & Baratta.

**Thomas M. Feeney (B.S.)** of Dublin, Ohio, was named Entrepreneur of the Year in South Central Ohio and Kentucky in the turnaround category by Ernst & Young. He is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Safelite Auto Glass.

**Raymond J. Montoni (B.A.)** of Conyngham, Pa., was appointed President of Conyngham Borough Council. He is a retired mathematics teacher from Northwest Area High School in Shickshinny, Pa.

**Jane Gowen Penny, Esq. (B.A.)** of Harrisburg, Pa., was appointed to serve a three-year term on the Disciplinary Board of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. She is the founder of Penny Legal Group, LLC, concentrating her practice on defending clients during federal and state grand jury proceedings and U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission investigations and enforcement proceedings.

**1975 Michael J. Dura (B.A.)** of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., joined the Savoy Company, the oldest amateur theater in the world dedicated to the production of the works of Gilbert and Sullivan. He performed at Longwood Gardens in June 2012 as Pish Tush, a gentleman of Japan, in the company's production of *The Mikado*.

**Stephen J. Finley (B.S.)** of Maple Glen, Pa., was appointed President of Bishop McDevitt High School in Wyncote, Pa.

**Terry D. Silver, CPA, CVA, CFF (B.A.)** of Elkins Park, Pa., was elected to the Board of Directors of the Montgomery County Association for the Blind. He is accredited in business valuation through the National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts and in forensic accounting through the American Institute of CPAs. He is a partner with Citrin Copperman, an accounting firm located in Philadelphia.

**1977 JoAnn Fernandez Magnatta (B.A.)** of Blue Bell, Pa., was named to the boards of the American Heart Association, Saunders House in Wynnewood, Pa., and Bryn Mawr House in Bryn Mawr, Pa. She is the senior vice president of facilities design and construction for Main Line Health Systems and Chair of the building committees for Saunders House and Bryn Mawr House.

**Rita Luig McGovern, M.Ed. (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was named Principal of Lansdale Catholic High School in Lansdale, Pa.

**1978 ★ REUNION YEAR Scott T. Becker (B.S.)** of Chardon, Ohio, was named Chief Executive Officer of Chromaflo Technologies, a concurrent acquisition of Plasticolors Inc., a provider of custom pigment solutions to thermoset plastics and industrial coatings, and Colortend, a provider of color systems to the architectural and industrial coatings market.

**George Grudziak, M.D. (B.A.)** of Cheltenham, Pa., is a diplomat and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Board of Neurophysiologic Monitoring.

**Stephen J. Klarich (B.S.)** of Blue Bell, Pa., returned to Vietnam to build houses for Habitat for Humanity with other veterans and civilians, a trip sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America. He was first deployed to Vietnam in 1968 as a Navy Seabee with the 3rd Marine Division near the demilitarized zone. Over the years, he has traveled to 40 countries to work on Habitat projects.

**1979 Mark G. Canty (B.S.)** of Sterling, Va., has been an Allstate Insurance agent for more than 23 years. In addition to the products and services he offers customers, his tenure and experience allow him to offer a variety of solutions to address their financial needs.

**Gregory J. Farrell (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., retired from the Philadelphia Police Department and currently runs a charter fishing boat, The Ark Royal, in Corbin City, N.J.

**1980 Terrence Hicks (MBA)** of Philadelphia, Pa., received a *Philadelphia Business Journal* Minority Business Leader Award in August 2012. He is the Vice President of Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Southeastern Pennsylvania's investment group and co-founder of the Minority Angel Investment Network, a group of individual investors committed to funding minority-owned or -led companies.

**Kurt M. Kanaskie (B.S.)** of Boalsburg, Pa., was named assistant coach for Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University's basketball team.

**Thomas J. Mullin (B.S.)** of Charlottesville, Va., was named Director of Sales with Oracal USA, an ORAFOL company. He leads the sales managers and oversees development and management of the company's sales strategies for its line of premium graphic marking film, digital printing media, and industrial tapes throughout the United States, Canada, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

**Anne M. (Danby) Thomas (B.A.)** of Palm Beach, Fla., earned a master's degree in accounting and financial management from DeVry University's Keller Graduate School of Management in South Florida.

**1982 Robert T. Cottone** of Malvern, Pa., received the 2012 Good Scout Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Cradle of Liberty Council in Philadelphia.



*Cheryl Reeve, '88, MBA '90, celebrated her 2011 WNBA championship title with her Minnesota Lynx team during a visit with President Barack Obama at the White House. Reeve, who was a vital player on the Explorers' 1987–1988 nationally ranked women's basketball team, guided the Minnesota Lynx to the WNBA title, and she was named the 2011 WNBA Coach of the Year.*

**William P. Madden (B.S.)** of Tigard, Ore., retired after 25 years of service from The Reynolds and Reynolds Co., a company that delivers the software, business forms and supplies, and professional services that support all areas of automotive retailing for car dealers and automakers.

**1983 ★ REUNION YEAR Francis A. Farrell Jr., M.A. (B.S.)** of Cheltenham, Pa., was named the fourth President of St. Hubert's High School for Girls in Philadelphia.

**Patricia A. (Gross) Serratore (B.A.)** of Hamilton, Va., was named President of the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation, an educational accrediting organization.

**1984 Elizabeth A. Cwiklinski (BSW)** of Abington, Pa., was appointed Executive Director of Catholic Senior Housing and Health Care Services, a ministry of the Diocese of Allentown.

**Sandra L. (Lech) Jeskie, Esq., MBA (B.A.)** of Ambler, Pa., was selected as one of the 2012 Most Powerful and Influential Women of Pennsylvania by the National Diversity Council, recognized for her leadership excellence in the public and private sectors. She is Chair of the information technology and telecom practice group for Duane Morris's Philadelphia office.

**Susan A. (Brill) McDonald (B.S.)** of Pipersville, Pa., was named Chair of the Career Transition Committee for the Greater Valley Forge Human Resources Association. She is Vice President of Sales/Marketing with Career

Concepts Inc. and is on the Advisory Board of the La Salle Center for Entrepreneurship.

**1985 David M. Tener, Esq. (B.A.)** of Blue Bell, Pa., was named Managing Partner with the intellectual property law firm Caesar, Rivise, Bernstein, Cohen and Pokotilow. He is a registered patent attorney licensed to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

**1986 Thomas C. FitzPatrick (B.S.)** of New York, N.Y., was inducted into the Sea Isle City Beach Patrol Hall of Fame in August 2012.

**David A. Henrich, MBA (B.S.)** of Wyndmoor, Pa., leads the business development efforts in the mid-Atlantic and New England markets for A10 Capital, a nationwide lending business specializing in small- to middle- market mini-perm commercial mortgage loans.

**Torpey J. White, CPA, CISA (B.S.)** of Springfield, Pa., became a partner at Elko and Associates Ltd. to lead their governance, risk, and compliance services practice.

**1987 Lisa A. Adamovage-Hoback (B.A.)** of Bear, Del., celebrated 25 years of service as a clinical information infrastructure process standards and quality leader for Astra-Zeneca Pharmaceuticals.

## In Memoriam: Steven A. Ranjo, '95



Steven A. Ranjo, '95, a La Salle biology lab instructor, died in a car accident in West Virginia on July 21. He was 40.

Ranjo earned a bachelor's degree in biology from La Salle in 1995. He worked part time at a lab at Thomas Jefferson University. Two years later, he began working part time for La Salle's Biology Department, and in 1999, he was hired to be a full-time laboratory coordinator and instructor at La Salle. He also taught an introductory biology course for non-science majors during the summer.

Outside of life at La Salle, Ranjo's true passion was scouting. He joined the Boy Scouts when he was 8 years old and had been assistant camp director at Resica Falls, a Boy Scout camp in East Stroudsburg, Pa., since he was 14. The camp is planning a project in his memory. In addition to this voluntary camp position, he was vice president for a local Boy Scout Council, overseeing leadership advancement and training programs in Montgomery, Delaware, and Philadelphia counties.

A white oak tree has been planted in Ranjo's memory near La Salle's tennis courts.



**Christopher Konzelmann, Esq. (B.A.)** of Moorestown, N.J., was named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer by *Law and Politics* in July 2012.

**1988 ★ REUNION YEAR Joseph F. Kristel (B.S.)** of Henrico, Va., was appointed Vice President, Claims for Stonecreek Specialty Underwriters, a division of Selective Insurance Company of America.

**1989 Larry D. Holman (MBA, M.S. '90)** of Philadelphia, Pa., resigned as President of the Pennsylvania State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America Inc. (VVA) and serves as Chair of Government Affairs of the VVA.

**1990 Kathleen M. (Hurley) Ramirez (B.A.)** of Riverton, N.J., is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in speech-language-hearing science at La Salle University.

**1991 Alex W. Cabe III, CFA (B.S.)** of Berkeley Heights, N.J., was appointed Investment Manager for The Argus Group, an insurance, pension, and investment group in Hamilton, Bermuda.

**Sylvia T. Hahn-Griffiths (B.A.)** of Wellesley Hills, Mass., is the publicist for Wellesley Books, an independent, locally owned bookstore. She is a substitute religious education teacher at St. Paul School in Wellesley and volunteers in the communications department for the Wellesley Education Foundation.

**1992 Bernice Lisicki Purcell (MBA)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to assistant dean at Holy Family University in Philadelphia.

**1993 ★ REUNION YEAR Jeffrey S. Benninghoff, CPA (B.S.)** of Warminster, Pa., was relocated to Florida as the Vice President and General Manager of Calkins Media's ABC 7 affiliate, WWSB Sarasota-Tampa.

**Edward G. Subokow Jr. (B.S.)** of Forked River, N.J., was recognized by the New Jersey Board of Education as a language arts teacher who positively impacts students' success at Lacey Middle School. He was appointed assistant principal of Lacey Middle School and is a member of the Professional Development Committee.

**Albert T. Vertino III (B.A.)** of Atlanta, Ga., was promoted to Lead Producer for Turner Sports. He oversees all creative, production, and editorial content for NBA Digital, which is jointly managed by Turner Sports and the NBA. He continues to manage NBA Digital content, which encompasses NBA TV, NBA.com, NBA League Pass, WNBA.com, and NBADLeague.com.

**1994 Raul A. Fonts (M.A.)** of Bristol, R.I., was appointed Dean of Admission and Financial Aid at Providence College, R.I.

**1995 Timothy Barksdale (M.A.)** of Drexel Hill, Pa., earned a Doctor of Psychology in clinical psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in July 2012.

**Elizabeth R. (Raab) Bradford (B.S., MBA '02)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was appointed Director of Marketing for Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority's Division of Public and Government Affairs.

**J. Barry Dickinson, Ph.D. (MBA)** of Cherry Hill, N.J., was named Dean for the School of Business Administration at Holy Family University in Philadelphia.

**Cresenda L. Jones (MBA)** of Hazlet, N.J., provides discovering and developing emotional intelligence workshops and life coaching services. She is a certified professional coach and a member of the International Association of Coaching.

**Kirsten T. Quinn, MFA (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., stars in *Philadelphia, Here I Come*, the first production of the Irish Heritage Theater at the Community College of Philadelphia (CCP). She also teaches writing, acting, interpersonal communication, and public speaking at CCP.

**Mark A. Ricci (B.A.)** of Marlton, N.J., received a sports EMMY® award as one of the audio engineers for *Sound FX: All Access*, from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences for Outstanding Post Produced Audio/Sound.

**1996 Thomas A. Leonard Jr. (B.S.)** of Little Rock, Ark., was appointed Managing Partner for PwC LLP in Little Rock.

**1997 Diana E. Cavanagh McGowan (B.A.)** of Long Beach, Calif., was promoted to Supervisory Special Agent of the Mail Theft and Violent Crimes Team of the U.S. Postal Inspection Service in Long Beach.

## In Memoriam: Bernhardt 'Bernie' Blumenthal, Ph.D., '59

Bernhardt "Bernie" Blumenthal, Ph.D., '59, professor and Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, died Sept. 24 after battling prostate cancer. He was 76.

A native of the West Oak Lane section of Philadelphia, Blumenthal graduated from La Salle College High School and majored in German at La Salle College. He was one of the first from La Salle to receive a Fulbright Fellowship and the first to be selected as a Woodrow Wilson Scholar. He earned his master's degree in German from Northwestern University and his Ph.D. from Princeton. He also received a grant from the Germanistic Society of America that allowed him to study for a summer at the University of Tubingen.

Blumenthal joined La Salle's faculty in 1963 and became Chair of the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures in 1969, a position he held until his death. He and Leo Rudnytzky, '58, professor *emeritus* of foreign languages, founded the La Salle's



graduate program in Central and Eastern European Studies.

Never wanting to retire, he was known as a caring professor who wanted to see his students succeed.

He is survived by his wife, Margie, three daughters, Erika, Heidemarie, and Lore-Elisabeth, a son, Karl-Reine, a stepson, and two grandchildren.

## In Memoriam

**1945 William A. Geppert Jr. (B.S.)** of Lafayette Hill, on June 29, 2012.

**1948 Nicholas F. Catania (B.S.)** of Woodlyn, Pa., on Aug. 21, 2012.

**1949 Gerard J. Schorn (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on July 19, 2012.

**1950 John J. Cahill (B.S.)** of Lafayette Hill, on Sept. 1, 2011.

**1951 James P. Ewell (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 15, 2012.

**1952 Thomas W. Bell (B.S.)** of Edgewater Park, N.J., on May 17, 2012.

**Charles F. Donnelly (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on May 6, 2012.

**1953 Michael C. Boland Jr. (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on May 14, 2012.

**1956 Peter J. Finnegan (B.S.)** of Camden, N.J., on June 25, 2012.

**1957 John J. Dever (B.A.)** of Willow Grove, Pa., on Sept. 24, 2012.

**1959 William S. Knopf (B.S.)** of Warminster, Pa., on Sept. 24, 2011.

**1963 Anthony J. Cunningham (B.S.)** of Trenton, N.J., on Sept. 19, 2011.

**1967 The Hon. Thomas E. Dempsey (B.A., M.A. '90)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on June 14, 2012.

**1968 Robert J. McDermott (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on July 24, 2012.

**1969 Michael T. Sosnowicz (B.A.)** of Colwyn, Pa., on Jan. 30, 2012.

**1971 Richard W. Breese, F.S.C. (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 28, 2012.

**1972 Christina T. Capella (B.A.)** of Santa Ana, Calif., on July 12, 2012.

**John J. Wolf (B.A., MBA '83)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 12, 2012.

**1973 Joseph P. Brown (B.A.)** of Exton, Pa., on May 27, 2012.

**Richard S. Decker (B.A.)** of Trenton, N.J., on March 12, 2012.

**Vincent F. Gallagher (B.S.)** of Yardley, Pa., on Sept. 18, 2011.

**Edward T. Maguire (B.S.)** of Orlando, Fla., on Nov. 23, 2011.

**1974 Joseph D. McKee (B.S.)** of Berwyn, Pa., on April 25, 2012.

**1976 James K. Gallagher (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on April 10, 2012.

**1977 Salvatore Olivieri (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Sept. 5, 2012.

**1979 Richard F. Hanagan Jr. (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on Aug. 24, 2012.

**1980 Edward W. Smith (B.S.)** of Warren, N.Y., on Sept. 6, 2011.

**1982 Edith Gioia (B.A.)** of Levittown, Pa., on Oct. 11, 2011.

**1986 Marie (Robinson) Elliott (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., on May 9, 2012.

**1993 Sister Kathleen White, MSC (M.A.)** of Reading, Pa., on Feb. 3, 2012.

**1998 ★ REUNION YEAR John R. Scarpato (MBA)** of North Wales, Pa., is the Chief Operating Officer for Electronic Ink, an international design consultancy firm based in Philadelphia.

**Michael J. Sexton, CPA (B.S.)** of Chalfont, Pa., joined the public accounting firm Wouch, Maloney, and Co. LLP, responsible for advanced tax preparation, planning, and research.

**1999 Ian M. Coffey (B.A.)** of Mansfield, Pa., was appointed head swimming and diving coach for the Radford University Highlanders in Radford, Va. He also serves as the Director of the University's Dedmon Center Natatorium.

**Joan E. Gramlich (MBA)** of Meadowbrook, Pa., is the Administrative Director for the kidney transplant program at Crozer-Keystone Health System.

**2000 Edward J. Dixon III (B.S., MBA '08)** of Jamison, Pa., was named Vice President-Commercial Relationship Manager at Fulton Bank in Yardley, Pa.

**2001 Jennifer (Zenszer) Ngo (B.S.)** of Ambler, Pa., is a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Philadelphia Division. She is part of the Economic Crime Squad, primarily investigating mortgage fraud, security fraud, and identity theft.

**Randall J. Stradling (MBA)** of Yardley, Pa., was named Treasurer for the Lower Bucks County Family YMCA.

**2002 Michael A. Ambrosini (B.S.)** of Marlton, N.J., owns and operates the Promenade Car Wash in Marlton.

**Keith R. Anderson (B.A.)** of Manchester, Conn., is a blogger for the University of Connecticut and a video coordinator the University's women's basketball team. He prepares scout tapes for the coaches and team and breaks down the self-scout film for the team.

**Elizabeth A. (Mitchell) Bramowski (B.S.)** of Conshohocken, Pa., was promoted to senior manager at PwC LLP.

**Andrew P. Metzger (B.S.)** of Ardmore, Pa., was promoted to senior manager at PwC LLP.

**Melissa A. (Genovese) Morgan, D.O. (B.A.)** of Drexel Hill, Pa., is a physician at Lancaster Gastroenterology, Inc., in Lancaster, Pa. She completed both her internal medicine residency and gastroenterology fellowship at Lankenau Medical Center in Wynnewood, Pa., and is board certified in internal medicine and board eligible in gastroenterology. She is a member of the American Gastroenterological Association, the American College of Gastroenterology, and the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy.

**Paul V. Palaruan (B.A.)** of Atlanta, Ga., was named CNN's 2011 PROPS Employee of the Year. He earned two bronze awards, two silver awards, and a team award for technical operations.

**2003 ★ REUNION YEAR James R. Ballinghoff (BSN, MSN '06, MBA '06)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was honored with the Nursing Excellence Award from Nurse.com (*Nursing Spectrum*, Philadelphia Tri-State). He is the Director of Critical Care and Cardiology at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center in Philadelphia.



## In Memoriam: John F. Connors, Ph.D.



John F. Connors, Ph.D., professor of sociology for more than 50 years and former Chair of the Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, died at his home in Merion, Pa., on Oct. 4. He was 85.

Born in Chester, Pa., Connors earned his bachelor's degree from Mount Saint Mary's College in Maryland and his master's and doctoral degrees in sociology from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. Connors was a full-time professor at La Salle from 1965 to 1993 and continued to teach on a part-time basis until retiring completely in 2010. Connors also was President of the Pennsylvania Sociological Society in 1972.

Connors was a man of great faith, which inspired him to become involved in the civil rights movement in the 1950s. He was part of an integrated community that went as racially mixed groups into area businesses to challenge segregation. He also participated in the Martin Luther King Jr.-led March on Washington, D.C., in 1963.

Connors is survived by three daughters, Maria, Sara, and Joanne; two sons, Joseph and John A. Connors; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. His wife, Anna, died in 1970.

**Catherine P. Joyce (B.A.)** of Memphis, Tenn., graduated from the Leadership Memphis Executive Program, a prestigious short-style program seeking to build a better city by building better leaders.

**Nolan M. Kirby (B.S.)** of Woodbury, N.J., was promoted to manager at PwC LLP.

**2004 Melissa L. Decker (M.A., Psy.D. '07)** of Towson, Md., is engaged to Michael Barone.

**Kenneth C. Wellar III (B.S.)** of Yeadon, Pa., was promoted to Vice President, Investments, at Marcus & Millichap Real Estate Investment Services, a commercial real estate brokerage firm.

**2005 Kathryn L. Henwood (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was named head coach for women's lacrosse at the University of California Davis.

**Violet Y. (Prusinowski) Kaznica (B.S.)** of Jamison, Pa., was promoted to manager at PwC LLP.

**2006 Capt. Melissa Munro Boyd (M.A., Psy.D. '10)** of Beltsville, Md., earned a Bronze Star for work done as a psychologist while deployed to Afghanistan during 2011–2012.

**Dennis J. McGowan Jr. (B.S.)** of Lansdale, Pa., was promoted to manager at PwC LLP.

**Jennifer M. Nowosielski (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to manager at PwC LLP.

**Vincent A. Tarducci Jr., M.Ed. (B.A., M.A. '12)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is an adjunct professor at La Salle University in the Psychology and Education departments.

**2007 Briana L. Chang (B.S.)** of Levittown, Pa., is pursuing a Doctor of Philosophy in urban education at Temple University.

**Matthew R. DeLucia (B.A.)** of Henderson, Nev., was presented with three EMMY® awards of the Pacific Southwest Region for news writing, journalistic enterprise, and team coverage.

**Therese E. Pomeroy (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is a financial analyst for the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania.

**William J. Smart Jr. (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is engaged to Meghan Slenkamp. A September 2013 wedding is planned.

**Misty A. Velasques, Esq. (B.A.)** of Hamilton Square, N.J., passed the state bar examinations for New Jersey and Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Hanan M. Isaacs, P.C., law firm, with a focus on family and employment law, and she supports general civil practice.

**2008 ★ REUNION YEAR Meghan E. Ahl (B.S.)** of Bronx, N.Y., is in the final stages of becoming a Federal Bureau of Investigation agent in forensic accounting.

**Andrew G. Lewis (B.A.)** of Frenchtown, N.J., earned a M.S. from St. Joseph University in criminal justice, concentrating in intelligence and crime analysis. He is working for the U.S. Department of Justice in New York City.

**Ashley E. McGuire, Esq. (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is a member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey State Bar Associations. She is an associate counsel for business, regulatory, and real estate affairs at the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

**Erica J. Natwick (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., earned a M.S. in clinical and counseling health psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is engaged to Ergys Jancai and is planning a fall 2013 wedding.

**Steven M. Ziegler (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., was promoted to Director of Development and Communications at Roman Catholic High School in Philadelphia.

**2009 Nicole M. Conklin (B.S.)** of Shavertown, Pa., is pursuing a master's degree in education from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. She is a program assistant and adjunct instructor at Bergen County Community College in Paramus, N.J.

**Meredith J. Dreger (B.S.)** of Pennsauken, N.J., was promoted to senior associate at PwC LLP.

**Brittany A. Gephart (B.S.)** of Phoenixville, Pa., was promoted to senior associate at PwC LLP.

**Jeffrey S. Maichrowycz (B.S.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is a finance representative for



Colleen Mullarkey, '06, presents Austin Frances O'Malley, the Cathaoirleach (Councilman) of County Mayo, Ireland, with a copy of *The Mayo Messenger*, a 72-page magazine about the County Mayo community in Philadelphia that she created and published for her thesis project in the Writing Studies graduate program at St. Joseph's University. Mullarkey was inducted into the Alpha Epsilon Lambda alumni honor society at St. Joseph's, and she is the Senior Editor of *Review of Optometry*, a medical trade journal, in Newtown Square, Pa.

The Vanguard Group Inc. He is engaged to Kimberly Rutter.

**David A. Rivera (B.S.)** of Randolph, N.J., is pursuing a master's degree in bioinformatics from the University of Maryland, College Park. He is a clinical validations specialist for Teva, a manufacturer of water shoes, flip flops, sandals, and hiking shoes.

**James F. Rossi (B.A.)** of Baltimore, Md., is one of six teachers nationwide named a National Oratory Fellow. The program uses great American orators to strengthen students' speaking, writing, and leadership skills. He teaches at Mother Seton Academy in Baltimore.

**2010 Anthony L. Banks (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., published *Imagining Things*, a novel written under the pen name Aaron Victor Vaughn.

**Eugene J. Curran (B.S.)** of Skillman, N.J., was named to Sea Isle City's Tourism Board as the official greeter for the mayor's office.

**Joshua M. Gould (B.A.)** of Lawrenceville, N.J., was promoted to assistant editor and production assistant at Indigo Productions. He is a media specialist/video producer and editor at Princeton University.

**Denise Hassanzade-Ajiri (M.A.)** of Tehran, Iran, was selected as a 2012 MJ Bear Fellow, a journalism stand-out under 30, by the Online News Association. She is a Web writer for Radio Farda, a Persian-language news service operated by Radio Free Europe.

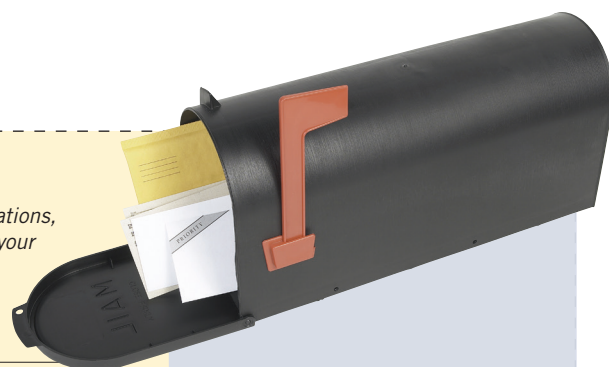
**Vincent J. Travea (B.S.)** of Willingboro, N.J., is engaged to **Nicole Polisano (B.A. '10)**. A June 2014 wedding is being planned.

**2011 Mary T. Conners (B.A.)** of Cherry Hill, N.J., is the administrative assistant to the Vice President of Marketing and Communications for the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Eric T. Devlin (B.A.)** of Warrington, Pa., is a reporter for Montgomery Media and a writer for the *Ambler Gazette*.

**2012 Patrick J. Ayling (B.A.)** of Philadelphia, Pa., is a sales representative for the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.

**Jordan P. Torres (B.A.)** of Etters, Pa., is a scientific recruiter for Aerotek, a staffing agency.



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